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EUROPE.

The Cotton Trade in England—Proposed Alliance Between Egypt and Greece—Affairs in Rome—Disposition of the Russian Government—Illness of the Archbishop of Lyons.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Times this morning has an editorial article on the present depression in the cotton trade. The writer ascribes the causes to the dearness of the raw material, and the superiority of the American manufactures, and thinks the true remedies for the distress are, first, greater intelligence and skill on the part of the workmen, and second, a reduction in the price of coals.....A deputation of the leading servants of England, among them Messrs. GROVE, HUXLEY, HOOKER, GALTON and DELORAIN, waited on the Ministers to-day and asked for the endowment of scientific schools by the State.....The delays noticeable in the cable service recently do not arise from any imperfections in the cables themselves or the land connections. The Government authorities on the 1st assumed the control of the telegraphic system of the Kingdom, and to this change alone must be ascribed the present derangement.....The weather throughout England for the past few days has been clear, cool and delightful.....Dispatches received to-day from India by the overland Mail confirm the previous announcement of the arrival of the steamship *Great Eastern* at Bombay. She will soon commence the work of laying a cable to the mouth of the Red Sea.....It is reported that the Viceroy of Egypt has entered into an alliance with Greece.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 4.—Material reductions in the rates of dockage are proposed at the Birkenhead Docks.

ROME, Feb. 4.—His Holiness the Pope has announced that he will hereafter decline to participate in the controversy respecting the dogma of personal infallibility. Another public congregation of the Ecumenical Council was held to-day. The Archbishop of Smyrna celebrated mass. The death of the Bishop of Lerida was announced. An official statement just published shows that the Ecumenical Council now consists of exactly 700 members.

MADRID, Feb. 4.—Colonel LUGUE has come to this city to challenge Senor FIGUERAS for insulting him in a recent speech in the Cortes.....Official dispatches from Havana, announcing the defeat of the insurgents by national troops, were received last evening, and occasioned great rejoicing.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4.—The *Journal* of this city (official organ) finds it necessary to-day, in view of the Montenegrin question, to reiterate the Russian Government's anxiety for peace.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—Dispatches received to-day announce that the Archbishop of Lyons is in a very precarious condition, and it was thought he could not live the day through.

CANADA.

The Red River Difficulty—The Hudson Bay Company to Bear its Own Losses—Opposition to Confederation in Newfoundland.

TORONTO, Canada, Feb. 4.—A special dispatch from Ottawa to the *Globe* says: The Government has decided not to pay money to the Hudson Bay Company until about the 15th of May next, when the transfer of the territory to Canada will take place. In the meantime, it is said, the Imperial Government holds that, as the Hudson Bay Company are responsible for the administration of the government at Red River, and as they have really taken no steps to assert their authority, they will have to bear all their losses, without any claim for compensation. It will be in deduction of the $300,000 to be paid by Canada. It is reported that the Cabinet have received dispatches from Earl GRANVILLE, by the mails, taking this view. The Imperial troops and Canadian volunteers are expected to reach Red River by the 1st of July next.

ST. JOHN, N. F., Feb. 4.—At the opening of the Newfoundland Legislature, yesterday, the Lieutenant-Governor, in a speech, expressed the hope that nothing would occur to prevent the colony from becoming confederated with Canada, whereupon an anti-confederate moved a resolution of no confidence, and requesting his Excellency to call upon CHARLES FOX BENNET to form a Ministry. The motion was carried by 21 antis to 8 confederates.

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—Bishop TACHE, of Red River, arrived in this city last evening, from Rome via Portland. He will leave immediately for the Northwest for the purpose of arranging matters.

A Doubt Thrown on the Capture of Riello—Prospects of His Becoming a Dictator.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—A special dispatch to the Tribune from St. Paul says the mail has just arrived from Red River, bringing the last number of the *New Nation*, the organ of the insurgents, and correspondence, neither of which make any mention of the reported arrest of RIELLE, the insurgent leader, by the Hudson Bay Company. On the contrary, a letter dated Winnipeg, Jan. 22, says the opposition portion of the French party have all gone over to RIELLE, and now want to invest him with supreme power. It is thought that the Convention which is called to meet on the 26th will end in making him full master of the situation, and stronger than ever. RIELLE proposes then to employ all his power and resources to carry out the programme of his adherents, which is anti-Canadian to the last. These advices render it certain that the way is not yet open for the Hudson Bay Company to resume the sway in the Red River region, and for Canada to step in, and take peaceful possession.

CUBA.

Reported Massacre of Cubans Denied—Only Two Cases of Retaliation.

HAVANA, Feb. 4.—The report, originating in Key West, that three hundred Cubans had been massacred by the Spaniards, in consequence of the excitement growing out of the Castanon affair, is false. As previously reported, two men were shot in this city on Wednesday night, and these are the only cases of retaliation which have occurred.....The steamships *Impératrice*, *Cuba*, *Bazaine*, and *City of Boston*, from Vera Cruz, have arrived.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Telegraphic dispatches were received at the Navy Department this morning from Admiral POOR, who has arrived at Key West in his dispatch, the *Swara*, accompanied by the monitors *Saugus* and *Passaic*. Admiral POOR was from Matanzas, having visited many Cuban ports. He does not make any reference in his dispatches to the reported massacre of Cubans at Havana.

JAMAICA.

Seizure of the Grapeshot—The Lehsee Case—Coolies and Chickens.

KINGSTON, Jan. 25, via HAVANA, Feb. 4.—A project is on foot to establish direct steam communication with New-York.....The schooner *Morning Star*, formerly the *Grapeshot*, has been seized on the suit of some New-York merchants.....The case of the schooner *Lehsee* has been decided. Damages to the amount of $10,000 have been awarded to the defendants in lieu of the return of the cargo.....A ship with a cargo of coolies has arrived at Demerara on the account of the colony. There was great mortality among the coolies in consequence of the bad supply of provisions.

THE EAST.

Gambling Implements in Massachusetts—The Visitors to Peabody—A Gas Explosion in Lowell.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—The Massachusetts Supreme Court, on the question of the right to summarily destroy gambling implements seized by legal process, has decided that the owners of such articles cannot constitutionally be deprived of them without notice, actual or constructive and an opportunity to be heard, and the Court cannot lawfully cause them to be destroyed without giving such reasonable notice to the owner, personally if known, or by advertisement if not known, as circumstances will permit; also, that money seized upon such warrant and returned into Court, is not by any statute made subject to forfeiture.....JOHN W. DRAPER has been chosen President of the Metropolitan Horse Railroad, in place of the late WM. CURTSTONE.....The remains of GEORGE PEABODY, now lying in state at the Peabody Institute, at Peabody, were visited to-day by throngs of people. The escort on Tuesday, at the time of the final obsequies, will consist of eight companies of the State Militia, including the Boston Cadets. The latter will accompany Governor CLAFLIN as special escort.

LOWELL, Mass., Feb. 4.—This evening about 8 o'clock an explosion occurred of the gas used in operating a stereopticon at the festival of the John-street Congregational Society. WARREN S. FOOTE, the organist, and SIMON TOWLE, a photographer, were seriously injured, and many persons were made deaf by the concussion. A window was blown out, the organ injured, and other damages, amounting in all to $1,500, were done. The explosion caused a general panic.

Courtesies to the British and American Naval Officers.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 4.—The great event of the day was the reception of the naval officers of the American and British fleets now lying in Portland Harbor, by Governor CHAMBERLAIN. The party arrived from Portland this afternoon. Among the visitors were Captain CONNERELL, Lieutenants AURANDELL and CHELDERS, of H. B. M. ship *Monarch*; Captain BRUNELDY, Lieutenant-Commander WISE, of the *Nimlonomah*; Captain BASCON and Lieutenant ROSS, of the *Terror*. The Governor met the party at Brunswick, where they, with the Executive Council, partook of dinner given by Governor CHAMBERLAIN. A *soirée* in honor of the Governor and Council and their guests was given in the evening.

THE GALLOWS.

Two Executions in One Day in Delaware—A Singular Scene on the Scaffold—An Attempt by One Criminal to Exonerate Another.

NEWCASTLE, Del., Feb. 4.—JONES and CARPENTER, the colored men sentenced to death for rape, were executed at noon in the jail yard in the presence of six hundred persons. At 11:52 the procession formed in the following order: Rev. C. S. SPENCER, Protestant Episcopal clergyman of Emmanuel Church, of New Castle, and Sheriff RICHARDSON, Prison Keepers VINING and JONES, Keepers WISE and CARPENTER. On ascending the platform JONES stepped to the front, and, in an unconcerned tone of voice, said:

"I tell you, gentlemen, I was guilty of the crime; CARPENTER was not in it any more than makes the door. I says to the boys, 'Let's do some devilment.' We went over to the house, and I says, 'Boys, pull off your shoes, so that we won't make no noise.' We went in, and I blowed the light out. MOORE he stood by the door to make believe he was watching. CARPENTER came up stairs after us; we heard a noise, when there ketched to him; I called to them, 'Boys, come back; what are you running for? you are a —— of fellows, ain't you?' They came back; I then done the deed; CARPENTER did not do it."

At the conclusion of this speech the two knelt, each on one knee. JONES kept his eyes roaming about, while CARPENTER shook and trembled, and the closed lids of his eyes quivered perceptibly. Rev. Mr. SPENCER read the 130th Psalm, "Out of the deep," following this with prayer, the whole lasting five minutes.

The prison keeper then approached and fixed the ropes around the necks of the condemned. Neither spoke until the white caps were being put on, when JONES, in a clear voice, said, "Things are serious now."

At 12:14 the Sheriff cut the rope and the two men fell. The drop was not sufficient, and a horrible bungle was the result. CARPENTER struck hard, breaking his legs and contracting his body. JONES swung to and fro, but died easier.

At 12:20 they were unmanacled. Dr. FREBIS pronounced them still alive. At 12:25 CARPENTER's pulse showed life.

At 12:40 JONES was lowered and placed in a coffin of stained pine, plain make. CARPENTER was next placed upon a board and carried into the prison, to be delivered to his friends.

While the bodies hung the crowd gave vent to their anxiety by asking, "How long are you going to let them hang?" The Sheriff finally stepped on the stand, and announced that they would be taken down in a few minutes. Inside the inclosure the best of order was preserved by Chief DONOHERTY, of Wilmington, with a force of eight men. Outside, the men and boys who crowded several tree-tops indulged in profanity and ribald jests.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Carrying Concealed Weapons in California—Election Contests in Ohio—The Philadelphia Metropolitan Police Bill—Matters in Alabama and Other Southern States.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—A bill repealing the act prohibitory to the carrying of concealed weapons has passed both Houses of the Legislature.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 4.—The last of the contested election cases in the House was decided this morning by giving BLAKESLEE, Republican, the seat claimed. The House now stands—Republicans, 57; Democrats, 32.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Feb. 4.—The Metropolitan Police bill for Philadelphia has just passed the House.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 4.—The House to-day voted down the bill for the State to issue its bonds for $2,000,000 in aid of the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad by a vote of fifty-five to thirty-five. The Constitution requires a two-thirds majority for such laws. A motion to reconsider the vote was postponed until to-morrow, and there is heavy lobbying to-night. The bill passed the Senate some days ago, and was amended by the House so as to require, in addition to mortgages, individual security that the road should be completed in a specified time. The House yesterday passed the bill extending the time so that railroad companies must complete twenty miles of their road to obtain the State indorsement of $16,000 per mile.

NEW-ORLEANS, La., Feb. 4.—In the Legislature to-day the Senate passed the bill providing that all laws passed by this General Assembly conflicting with other laws, shall in all cases take precedence.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 4.—In the Legislature to-day, the Committee appointed to investigate the official acts and charges against Governor REED, reported in favor of impeachment, four to one. The minority report is said to be weak. The evidence was read to the House in secret session this forenoon and in open session this afternoon. The vote on impeachment will be taken to-morrow.

THE SOUTH.

The "War of Races" in Mississippi—Serious Riots Threatened for a Time—Embezzlement of a Railroad Track.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 4.—A riot occurred at Brookville, Miss., on the 29th ult., between negroes and whites, growing out of the shooting and wounding by a youth, named FARMER, of a negro who had assaulted him, which at one time threatened to involve the whole section in strife and bloodshed. The negroes, who were armed, forcibly took FARMER from the constable and threatened to kill him and burn the town. A messenger was dispatched to Columbia for assistance. Fifty armed men returned on the train, and arrested seventy-five negroes. The others fled. At last accounts quiet had been restored.....Owing to an overflow on the Little Rock Railroad, trains cannot run this side of Madison, forty miles west of this place.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 4.—The fast freight lines are again in trouble. Rates have been cut down to New-York 50 cents; to Philadelphia 65 cents and to Boston $1 on cotton.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Another Derry and Dion Billiard Game—Harbor Dues in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—Messrs. DERRY and DION last night played their third game at billiards, for a purse of $2,000, game 1,500 points, four ball-carom, on a four-pocket table, push shots and croich barred. There were eighty-three innings, resulting for DERRY 1,502 points, and for DION 1,044 points. DERRY's highest run was 221 and DION's 120 points.....A meeting of merchants and shipmasters was held here yesterday for the purpose of adopting measures to resist the collection of harbor dues, which are deemed unconstitutional. The shipmasters decided to authorize their consignees to retain the amount of their harbor dues and to employ counsel to defend a test case.

The Boston and Albany Railroad Accident—The Conductor and Brakeman Censured.

HUDSON, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The jury of inquest held on the bodies of the three men who were killed by the accident on the Boston and Albany Railroad at Chatham yesterday, say in their verdict that the Boston and Albany Railroad corporation are blamable in not providing a sufficient number of brakemen to manage a heavily loaded train for eighteen cars, and that JOHN LOETT, the brakeman upon the rear car of the detached train, was not at his post of duty at the time of the collision, and that JOHN LOETT, by his criminal neglect of duty, did contribute to the collision, and that the said CHARLES H. BRUNO, MILES PHILIP and HENRY BUTTERLY died of the injuries received by them at said collision, through the carelessness and neglect of said JOHN LOETT.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—A shoddy factory in Templeton, Mass., owned by J. C. HILL & CO., was entirely destroyed by fire last night. The loss was $40,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 4.—The steamboat *Connecticut* was at New-Baltimore at 230 o'clock this afternoon, with instructions to push through to Troy. It is thought she will not be able to get through. She is in new ice three inches thick.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 4.—HAY's cotton drying house, in Woonsocket, was destroyed by fire about 9 o'clock this morning. The loss was $2,000, on which there is no insurance. The dwelling house of JOHN CHACE, at Cranston, near this city, was burnt this afternoon. The loss is about $2,000.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 4.—GEORGE TREMBLETT, his wife and two children, while floating down the river Wednesday night on a raft, were upset during the gale and all were drowned except one child.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—A fire occurred in Galena to-day and destroyed two brick stores, occupied by Messrs. WEBERBROOK & BOSWELL, RUSSELL and others. Loss, $10,000, mostly covered by insurance.

NORFOLK, Va. Feb. 4.—Rev. Father PRUNEY, for fifteen years Rector of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, died last night in the Hospital of St. Vincent de Paul, in this city.

HEAVY BANK ROBBERY.

The Consolidated Bank of Louisiana, in New-Orleans, Robbed of $250,000 Worth of Valuables.

From the New-Orleans Picayune, Feb. 1.

At an early hour Monday morning the astounding intelligence was announced that the Consolidated Bank of Louisiana, on Toulouse-street, between Royal and Bourbon, had been entered by burglars and robbed of an immense amount in jewelry, money and valuables. The building has been for some time used as a bank of deposit merely, and is under the charge of Mr. HENRY PAIRES. It has been made the receptacle of boxes containing jewelry, diamonds, valuable papers, moneys and securities, by families residing mostly in the Second District. Its strong vault and immense safes were regarded as burglar-proof. But the revelations of Monday morning establish the fact that the ingenuity and combination of ingenuity and strength is proof against the machinations of the lawless and skillful burglars who infest our city.

The building must have been entered Saturday night, and, as the outer door shows no signs of violence, it was probably opened by a false key. Once in, the most approved machinery and the finest tools were brought to bear upon the vaults and safes. They were no ordinary tools. Levers, bits, jimmies, crowbars, and machinery in strength and quality almost sufficient to wrench a house from its foundations. The safes, strong iron, wrought iron as they were—and riveted by strong steel bolts, were wrenched from their places like paper. The walls of the vaults were pierced, and the doors that guarded the inner safes tore away by machinery so powerful as to excite the surprise and astonishment of the oldest Police officers. The burglars obtaining access to the building late Saturday night, worked all day Sunday and probably accomplished their object at an early hour Monday morning. The two safes in the vault were blown open, a can of powder still remaining in the vault. Once the safes were got open, the boxes containing money and jewelry were forced open and rifled of their contents. It is estimated that these valuables amounted to $45,000. The papers, valueless to the robbers, were carelessly scattered on the floor of the vault. Here, too, were found an overcoat, a glove and handkerchief, which have been taken charge of by the Police.

Scattered overthe floor were stumps of cheroots, matches and pieces of burnt paper. These evidences disclose the fact that the robbers were engaged at their work for many hours. The tools they used are perfectly surprising. They surpass anything ever before seen in this city. It is astonishing what strength they were used. They RIP of sufficient strength to force the vaults and safes of the strongest bank of the city. It is not improbable, however, that there are more like them yet.

Captain CAIN, the Chief of Police, and several of his specials were present, investigating the matter, so far as the reporter was able to learn; however, no clue had been found to the robbers.

An Innovative Convict Rewarded.

From the Detroit (Mich.) Post, Feb. 1.

There is to be soon in the shop for the manufacture of agricultural implements in the State Prison at Jackson, a very rare and ingenious piece of mechanism. It is a turning lathe, which turns sticks of variable thickness and of any degree of crookedness short of a double bow. Hitherto it is principally used in turning axe handles, but it will do any other sort of twisted work equally well. Besides doing the labor of a dozen men, it will do its work with greater accuracy than could possibly be done by hand; so that, using the whole, it is really a very valuable piece of machinery. It is the invention of a convict named HINTON; and it should be added, to the credit of the contractors, Messrs. WYMAN, TOOLEY & CO., that they not only paid for the invention while making experiments with it certainly of value, but they also gave the inventor himself $500 at the expiration of his term of service.

In the blacksmithing department of the same shop there is now used a certain steel punch, the working of which is remarkably neat; and it is understood that a reward of $500 will be paid to the family of the convict who shall make the needed improvement.

WASHINGTON.

The Gold Conspiracy Investigation—The Collectorship of the Twenty-seventh New-York District—The Sale of Military and Naval Cadetships—The Mormon Representative.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The Banking and Currency Committee had no witnesses before them to-day, save the female operator of the Western Union branch telegraph office in Fifteenth-street, who testified regarding the transmission of the dispatch of Sept. 24. The Committee are nearly through with their testimony.

THE REMOVAL OF COLLECTOR AVERILL.

There is quite a breeze in the Internal Revenue Bureau at the discovery of the means whereby the removal of O. J. AVERILL, Esq., the very popular and efficient Collector of the Twenty-seventh New-York District, has been accomplished. Mr. AVERILL was appointed nearly two years ago, at the joint request of Hon. HAMILTON WARD, the present representative, and the late HENRY J. RAYMOND. It has transpired that Mr. AVERILL's removal has been accomplished by Mr. WARD for the purpose of improving his own chances for a renomination. Mr. AVERILL's record is of the very highest character, both politically and officially. Mr. DELANO is absent, and the nomination and confirmation of Mr. AVERILL's successor was secured so quietly that certain unpleasant facts in connection with it did not come to the President's knowledge until it was too late to revoke the nomination. These unpleasant facts consist of an intimation to the Internal Revenue Bureau that Mr. AVERILL's record might be draped contrary to the facts; that the nomination of his successor was sought to be expunged from the list sent to the Press, and that the whole matter was conducted in a manner which requires some explanation from Mr. WARD, who has always manifested a desire to be considered a high-toned and honorable member of Congress.

CADETSHIPS FOR SALE.

There was much interest manifested in the House to-day when Gen. SLOCUM called attention to the advertisements in the New-York papers offering cadetships at West Point and Annapolis for sale. He offered a resolution, which was passed, instructing the Military Committee to inquire into the matter with power to send for persons and papers. If the Committee get at the actual truth of the matter there will be a sensation of no small dimensions in the House, and the expulsion of one or more members may follow.

THE NEW REGIME IN HAYTI.

Concerning the new Haytian Government it is proper to say that no representative from that source has yet been presented to the President, and none will be until the new Government is formally recognized. Mr. DELMONTE, who is a special Commissioner and Agent from the new authority, and Mr. ARTHUR FOLSOM, who has been appointed Consul at New-York, are in the city, and have been received at the State Department, as yet unofficially.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The House to-day disposed of the District of Columbia Charities bill by passing it with an amendment providing that the expenditure of the money shall be under the direction of the Secretary of War, who shall issue rations upon the recommendation of the charitable societies of the District.

THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

The question of the abolition of the franking privilege came up in the Senate to-day, and considering that it might have been disposed of in fifteen minutes, and that Senators have had the subject long enough before them to vote intelligently upon it, its postponement must be regarded as favorable to its continuance, or, at best, as indicating that the Senate is not ready to indorse the sweeping measure of the House. It is not popular just now to say a word in favor of franking, but it must nevertheless be acknowledged that there are a great many high officials who, while they admit that like everything else it has been abused, are nevertheless of the opinion that it has been productive of much good, and that its abolition would ultimately be a very questionable piece of legislation.

NATURALIZATION OF FOREIGNERS.

The bill of Judge HOAR DAVIS relative to the naturalization of foreigners was again considered to-day in the Judiciary Committee of the House. Several amendments having been proposed in reference to this whole subject, several prominent gentlemen, both Senators and Representatives, talk of the right and duty of Congress, under that clause of the Constitution that Congress shall guarantee to each State a republican form of government, of appointing United States inspectors of elections, who shall act with the local inspectors, and see that fraud at the ballot box is prevented.

THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The application of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to further extend their charter and allow them to run their road through the Indian country, and issue bonds, was again considered to-day in the Pacific Railroad Committee of the Senate, but no conclusion was reached on the subject.

THE MARINE HOSPITALS.

The bill before the Senate Committee on Commerce which was referred yesterday, for the reorganization of the Marine Hospital service, was framed at the Surgeon-General's Office, and is objected to by several parties, inasmuch as one of its actions, if passed, will be to throw the entire management of those institutions into the hands of military officers. The bill before the Senate is precisely similar to the one now pending in the House, and which passed the Senate last session, except in this one particular.

CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Elections of the House, in view of the fact that it will be utterly impossible for them to investigate and decide the score or more cases of contested seats, decided to-day to adopt something like the system of the English House of Commons, namely, drawing a jury of nine from the entire body to sit and pass upon each case. This action will be reported to the House in the form of a resolution to change the rules in election cases, but there is not much probability that it will pass.

CONSULAR HOSPITAL DUES.

The Secretary of the Treasury has lately decided one or two cases of considerable importance to mariners, more particularly to those engaged in the whaling service. It appears that some of our Consuls in South America have been in the habit of collecting what is known as hospital dues from whaling vessels, which is wholly illegal. Several cases of this kind have been brought to the attention of the Department, and in all cases an order to refund has been recommended and ordered.

THE ESTIMATES.

Secretary BOUTWELL was in conference all morning with the Committee on Appropriations on the matter of a reduction of the estimates.

PERSONAL.

The city continues full of visitors. Among the arrivals to-day are Hon. THOMAS E. STEWART, C. VAN SANTWOOD, J. U. OREIS, of New-York, JOHN RICE, of Atlanta, Ga., and W. T. SUTHERLIN, of Virginia. General TERRY will arrive here from Atlanta to-morrow night.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

CONFIRMATION.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of L. B. CHENEY, Assessor of Internal Revenue for Montana.

NOMINATIONS.

The President to-day sent to the Senate the following nominations: TIMOTHY E. ELLSWORTH, Collector of Customs for the District of Niagara; A. S. UNDERWOOD, Surveyor of Customs at Boston, Mass.; CHAS. R. WILDMAN, Collector of Customs at Passamaquoddy, Me.; WM. H. SARGENT, Collector of Customs at Castine, Me.; JOHN F. S. GOBIN, Judge of the District Court for the Southern District of Florida; H. H. HEMPH, Marshal for New-Mexico; SAMUEL BARD, of Georgia, Governor of Idaho; MARY E. PARKER, Postmaster at Wahoo, Neb.

JUDGE HOAR.

The President had not at noon to-day been officially advised of the rejection of Judge HOAR by the Senate. The rule of that body is not to inform him of its proceedings on nominations until two intervening Executive Sessions, unless otherwise specially directed. The reason for the rule is to give the members time to reconsider their action if they think proper.

THE CHINESE TREATY.

Secretary FISH this morning received from Minister BURLINGAME the Chinese treaty, with the official seals of the Empire, the ratifications having been duly exchanged. The treaty was wrapped in yellow silk. The Secretary laid the package before the President to-day.

SEIZURE OF A DISTILLERY.

The following was received at the Internal Revenue Office this morning:

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 4.

Hon. C. Delano:

I have ordered the seizure of the large distillery of BINGHAM & BARTON, at Hazelton, Ind. Two hundred and fourteen packages of spirits have been fraudulently removed. The evidence is complete. GEORGE W. WILLIAMS,
Supervisor for Indiana.

GERMANY, THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

Official information was received here to-day, showing that the policy of the North German Confederation is in accord with that of the United States, and that Count BISMARCK, equally with our Government, is opposed to all who would weaken and degrade the Central Government of China by the application of force at the ports, at the discretion of those who command it without reference to Pekin or the home Government.

THE SPEAKER'S RECEPTION.

At the regular weekly reception this evening, given by Speaker BLAINE, the parlors were crowded with a large and brilliant assemblage, comprising nearly all the prominent officials and many members of the House and Senate.

ARMY.

Captains GEO. BALDEY and LUKE O'REILLY, unattached, have been appointed Aides-de-Camp to Brevet Major-General SMITH, commanding the Department of Louisiana.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.....WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 4.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the resolutions of a recent meeting at the Cooper Institute, New-York, sympathizing with the people of Cuba, and asking that they be accorded belligerent rights; which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

THE CORCORAN ART GALLERY.

Mr. SUMNER, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a bill to incorporate the trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art; relative to their relief from tax upon their property, and compensation for its use by the United States.

STATE GOVERNMENT INDEBTEDNESS.

Mr. SHERMAN called up the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to withhold moneys due to any State which may be in default of payment of the interest on any of its bonds held in trust by the United States.

Mr. CONKLING read a letter from the Secretary of the Interior was read, when the bill passed without objections.

CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

Mr. CAMERON presented a petition of journeymen cigar makers of Philadelphia for a higher duty on imported cigars, which was referred.

Mr. HOWE presented a memorial for the incorporation of the Johnson City Tobacco Manufacturing Association, a co-operative association designed to give employment to six hundred colored people.

ABOLITION OF THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

On motion of Mr. RAMSEY, the House bill for the abolition of the franking privilege was taken up.

Mr. SHERMAN moved to amend the first section by adding a proviso that nothing therein contained shall be construed to repeal or affect the free transmission by the mails of newspapers within twenty miles of the place of publication.

Mr. RAMSEY thought the adoption of the amendment might retard the speedy passage of the bill by requiring its further consideration in the House.

Mr. SHERMAN believed the amendment would strengthen the measure among its friends in the House, and urged its adoption in justice to the country newspapers, which could not, in the matter of postage, compete with the large dailies.

Mr. CONKLING suggested that the Senate might pass the bill as it was, and that such modifications of the measure as were necessary might be considered in Committee and enacted in the shape of a separate bill.

Mr. DRAKE thought the amendment did not go far enough, and proposed to amend so as to exempt the existing provisions of law in favor of publishers of newspapers and periodicals.

Mr. WILLEY suggested an amendment to the bill to allow free transmission in the mails of newspapers and periodicals whose circulation does not exceed 5,000.

At this point, the morning hour expiring, the Census bill came up in order. Mr. CONKLING, being entitled to the floor, said he would yield to allow further consideration of the Franking Privilege bill; and so Mr. RAMSEY moved that the Senate take it up and proceed with it. After a little discussion the Senate refused to take up the bill by a vote of 22 yeas against 24 nays, as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brownlow, Cameron, Carpenter, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Davis, Ferry, Gilbert, Harlan, Howell, Kellogg, McCreery, Morton, Patterson, Rice, Ross, Schurz, Scott, Stewart, Tipton, Tweed—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Bayard, Brownson, Connover, Drake, Dennison, Hamlin, Harris, Howard, Howe, Johnson, Morrill, Morrill of Maine, Norton, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Sawyer, Pratt, Robertson, Sansbury, Sawyer, Sherman, Spencer, Stockton, Sumner, Thayer, Thurman, Tipton, Vickers, Warner, Willey, Williams, Wilson—24.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. POMEROY, from the Committee of Public Lands, reported with amendments the bill for the disposition of the Sioux Reservation, including Military Reservation, Minnesota; also, without amendment, the bill to amend the act granting lands to the State of Kansas to aid in the construction of railroads.

Mr. AITKEN, from the same Committee, reported without amendment the joint resolution relating to settlers on the Sioux Reservation in Minnesota.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a joint resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to provide for taking meteorological observations in the interior, and for observations in States and Territories on the Northern lakes, so as to give warnings of approaching storms.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. THAYER offered a resolution directing the Secretary of War to furnish the Senate with a list of the steamers engaged in transporting property of the United States, which have been destroyed north of Omaha during the last five years, with the amount of loss.

On motion of Mr. CARPENTER, the resolution calling upon the President for information relating to affairs in Georgia, was taken from the table and agreed to.

BILLS PASSED.

The Senate then proceeded to consider bills of a private character pertaining to the District of Columbia. The following bills were passed:

On motion of Mr. BOGGS—To authorize officers in the Incorporate Department to administer oaths in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. HAMLIN—To incorporate the Washington Homeopathic Medical Society, amended so as to prevent exclusion on account of color.

SAN FRANCISCO WHISKY SEIZURES AGAIN.

Mr. CASSERLY, being allowed to make a personal explanation, stated that he had misunderstood the resolution of his colleague (COLE) relative to the recent seizure of whisky in California, and did not learn the purport of it until after its rejection. He had subsequently introduced a resolution directing the Attorney-General to institute proceedings in the matter, although he did not believe there was a proper focus upon the property. He still entertained this belief, and as the proposed investigation would entail a heavy expense upon the claimants to the property, he now asked for unanimous consent to withdraw his resolution.

Mr. COLE objected, and the resolution was not withdrawn.

POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

On motion of Mr. ROBERTSON, the bill relieving legal and political disabilities under the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, of a large number of persons in various States, was taken up.

Mr. ROBERTSON moved various amendments, inserting additional names.

Mr. EDMUNDS said he had been informed by a member of the House that among the names proposed to be added was one of a man in Tennessee against whom ten indictments were now pending.

Pending the consideration of the bill, the Senate adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. GETZ presented petitions from the Reading Medical Association and the Berks County Medical Society of Pennsylvania for definite and appropriate rank to the medical staff of the navy.

WEST POINT CADETSHIPS.

Mr. SUMNER, rising to a question of privilege, called the attention of the House to an advertisement in the NEW-YORK TIMES of the 3d of February, which he thought calculated to bring dishonor on the House. The advertisement reads:

"United States Naval Academy vacant cadetship to be filled before June. Parties of means address Cadet, Box 86, Rochester Post Office, Alleghany Point vacancy."

He thought it one of the crying evils of the day that to hold office was deemed dishonorable, and that to have the name of politician was little better than to be called a thief, and it was just such articles as that which brought members of Congress into disrepute. He, therefore, offered a resolution, reciting the publication of the advertisement, and instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire as to whether any member of the House has ever sold or offered to sell his influence as a member, in securing appointments to the Military or Naval Academy, and whether any member has received, or expressed a willingness to receive, any valuable consideration for using his influence in connection with such appointments, with power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. WOODWARD expressed the hope that the resolution would be adopted. A lady of the highest respectability in his district had informed him, just before he left home for Congress, that she had received a letter from a member of Congress offering to place her son at the West Point Academy for $2,500. He had asked her the name of that member, but she could not give it to him at that moment but would furnish him with it the next time she had not done so, however, or he would have brought forward a proposition similar to that offered by the gentleman from New-York.

Mr. WOOD remarked that he had recently seen an advertisement in a Philadelphia newspaper offering an appointment of that kind for sale.

Mr. SCOFIELD suggested that the amendment be modified so as to embrace the members of the preceding Congresses. It was so modified.

Mr. JENCKES suggested that it be made also to apply to delegates. That suggestion was also accepted.

Mr. SCOFIELD said that he had recently seen in two newspapers, published in the western part of Pennsylvania, that some member of Congress from that State, he believed, had sold one of those appointments for $600. As a matter of course, therefore, the whole delegation of Pennsylvania was anxious to have this investigation.

Mr. WASHBURN, of Wisconsin, said there would certainly be no objection to the resolution.

Mr. KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, referred to the same fact as that stated by Mr. SCOFIELD, adding that the editor of the paper seemed to have specific information on the subject. The resolution was adopted.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The House then proceeded to consider private bills, of which the following were passed:

For the relief of Lieutenant WILLIAM A. SCOTT, Fourteenth Illinois Volunteers; providing for the payment of the Fourth Arkansas Mounted Infantry, as introduced by Mr. ROOT; granting captured cannon for a monument at West Point, N. Y.; for the relief of WM. H. RUTHERFORD and GEO. KAHN; for the relief of certain officers of the Ordnance Corps at Rock Island, Ill.; to amend the act for the sale of a portion of the Fort Gratiot Military Reservation in St. Clair County, Mich.; for the relief of Lieutenant ROBERT L. D. MURPHY, Third North Carolina Mounted Infantry; for the relief of WM. F. BUCKER, Third North Carolina Infantry; for the return of evidence of honorable discharge to that officer.

REPRESENTATION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Mr. BINGHAM, from the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill to permit FRANCIS E. SHOLER, member elect from North Carolina, to take the oath prescribed for persons relieved from disabilities instead of the test oath. After discussion, the bill being advocated by Mr. BINGHAM, and opposed by Mr. PAINE, the bill was laid on the table by 84 to 78.

ABOLITION OF THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Petitions for the abolition of the franking privilege were presented by Messrs. STRONG and STARKWEATHER, and by Mr. O'NEILL, for a specific duty of at least twenty-five cents per pound on foreign books.

PENSIONS.

Mr. LAWRENCE introduced a bill to provide a mode of paying pensions, which was referred.

The bill provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall select in every county in the United States where a National Bank is located, an Assessor or Collector of Internal Revenue or other existing officer to prepare all pension papers for paying pensioners free of cost to pensioners. The Commissioner of Pensions shall certify to each officer a list of the pensioners in his county, stating the name, rank, and amount of pension, payable to the order of each pensioner, to be delivered to the pensioners who shall thus be paid every three months, instead of semi-annually, as now. Over the amount so paid the officer shall be entitled to the officers for their services in equitable proportion, instead of fees, as paid in commissions now. The Treasury saving, it is claimed, will save the pensioners nearly a million dollars annually, more money and greater certainty, and save them from being annually paid to agents for collecting pensions, and $187,500 paid for fees and for procuring pension papers.

THE POOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. PERRY in the chair, and took up the bill for the temporary relief of the poor of the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. BENJAMIN

THINGS IN PEKIN.

Visit of Prince Alfred—Departure of the British Minister—The Missionary Question—Revision of the British Treaty—The Burlingame Treaty—End of the Mahomedan Rebellion.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PEKIN, Monday, Nov. 8, 1869.

This quiet capital has had a visit from a British Prince, but its repose was not in the least disturbed. No guns were fired, no trumpets sounded, no troops turned out to give him welcome. In fact, coming just at the present time, he was not altogether a welcome visitor, and the Chinese took no notice whatever of his advent. In this they made a mistake, and placed themselves at a disadvantage, as compared with their insular neighbors, who, as you are aware, entertained him right royally. But they are not so much to blame as might appear at first sight; and it is hardly fair for the British papers to construe this neglect into an evidence of reaction—a manifestation of sullen dislike. It is easy to ask, why did not the young Emperor throw open the gates of the forbidden city and install the Prince in one of his own palaces? Why did he not embrace this opportunity to give a striking proof of that good feeling which he has sent an embassy to demonstrate to the people of the West—a proof which would have been worth so much the more, as it is better to give hospitality than to receive it? But it ought to be recollected that the circumstances of the Chinese Court were different from those of Japan. The Mikado administers his own Government. He had already received foreign Ministers with distinction, and he could not do less than receive a Prince in a manner befitting his rank. But the Chinese Emperor is still a minor. The Court ceremonial as regards foreigners is still unsettled. No foreign Minister has as yet been admitted to his presence; and, though the Ministry might have made other arrangements for giving the Prince a fitting reception, to bring him into personal relations with the Emperor would have been a responsibility which they had good reason for wishing to avoid. Other arrangements, and those not derogatory to the dignity of a royal Prince, I have reason to believe they would have made if they had received even a hint that anything short of an interview with the Son of Heaven would be accepted as satisfactory.

SIR RUTHERFORD ALCOCK.

But the event of the day—more important than the casual visit of a Prince—is the departure of the British Minister, Sir RUTHERFORD ALCOCK, who thus closes a career of nearly a quarter of a century in China and Japan. Commencing as Consul and closing as Minister Plenipotentiary, his course has been a rather brilliant one, exhibiting here and there a touch of that dash and daring which the British Government likes to see in its officials even when it feels compelled to express a formal disapprobation of their acts. More than twenty years ago, when he was Consul at Shanghae, a party of missionaries traveling on the Grand Canal were assailed by a mob and cruelly beaten. Instead of declining to interfere, on the ground that they had gone beyond the then existing treaty limits, he took the matter up warmly, and laying an embargo on the imperial fleet of grain junks, just ready to sail for the North, he compelled the mandarins to bring the offenders to justice. And very recently, when a missionary was maltreated at Yangchow, failing to obtain redress by other means, Sir RUTHERFORD resorted to the gunboat argument, which, as usual, was found very convincing. In Japan, in 1864, Sir RUTHERFORD led the movement which resulted in the forcible opening of the passage through the Inland Sea, which is now the highway for steam navigation. For this last proceeding he was recalled from Japan and sent to Pekin—a gentle rebuke, the meaning of which was well understood.

THE MISSIONARY QUESTION.

From the two instances above referred to, it might be imagined that Sir RUTHERFORD is partial to missionaries, but such is not the case. Whether, from the necessity he was under of interfering on their behalf on those and other occasions, he imbibed a prejudice against them as a troublesome class of subjects, or whether he holds the theory that Great Britain has no interest but those of trade, he recently sent to his Government a dispatch on the subject of missions, which has had the effect of calling forth an able vindication from the English missionary resident at Pekin. The existence of the dispatch became known by its being quoted by the Earl of CLARENDON in the House of Lords, who gave the opinion of Sir R. ALCOCK "as the result of his great experience in China." The missionaries promptly asked Sir RUTHERFORD for a copy of the document. He courteously furnished it, and they as courteously proceeded to subject it to the test of a destructive analysis. To take up all the points of the controversy would weary your readers, but one or two may be mentioned as of universal interest.

"Commerce," says the dispatch, "its free development and extension, was the first great object of the treaty of Tien-tsin."

The missionaries' reply:

"Commerce is thus put forward as the one sole object of Great Britain in China. It is impossible to refrain from asking what is the nature of the commerce which was thus forced upon the Chinese? Has it been such as to benefit the people or to demoralize them? The main season of British commerce in China is opium, an article which the Chinese believe to have been the cause of our first war with them, and which they never cease to regard as injurious to them, mentally, morally and physically. It cannot, surely, be a subject for self congratulation that there is very little difference annually between the total value of the opium imported from India into China and that of all the tea and silks exported from China to England and other countries. In 1867 the total amount of India opium imported into China was 86,148 piculs (chests of 133 pounds each,) of which the value in silver was 48,071,287 taels—$60,089,000. The total value of the tea and silk imported in the same year was 49,—[illegible] exceeding the value of the one article of opium imported from India, chiefly by British merchants, by only four and a half millions of taels. Since the opening of the Yangtsee-Kiang, the native drug in the interior has become one half cheaper, and the number of smokers has proportionately trebled. The cultivation of the poppy, said one of the censors in a memorial recently addressed to the Emperor on this subject, has been substituted for that of the cereal grains over vast tracts of the Western and Northwestern provinces, so as in some parts to occasion a rise in the price of food! Such the moral and all other injuries attributed by opinion, British commerce is responsible; and yet it is in the interest of British commerce that Protestant missionaries are to be restrained from penetrating into the interior! Honorable commerce has nothing to fear from Protestant missionaries, but everything to gain."

"The risk incurred, and the evil consequences to be anticipated from persistent efforts in this direction"—*i. e.*, in penetrating to the interior of the country, is another objection alleged in the dispatch.

"The hostility of the Chinese," the missionaries reply, "is not directed against the missionaries as foreigners. The cause of that hostility are the hatred of other races which the Chinese have always had; the repeated defeats inflicted on the Chinese Government by England, and the evils connected with the opium trade. A missionary was not long ago driven out of a large city in Henon by a mob led on, by the native gentry, the cause of whose hatred was given in these words, shouted after him as he left the city: 'You burned our palace, you killed our Emperor—you sell poison to the people; and now you come professing to teach us virtue.'"

A third point in the dispatch is the inefficacy of the missionaries, *i. e.*, that "the human influences brought to bear upon the Chinese for their conversion are seemingly ill-adapted to secure the end proposed." The missionaries reply to this by showing that all the Chinese dictionaries in the English language are the work of missionaries; and that really all the important works on China that have been published of late years are from the pens of missionaries, while no other class has done anything worth speaking of in the way of translating into the language of China the scientific and literary productions of the West.

So far the dispute appears to be amply sufficient. On this last point, however, it may be worth while to quote the testimony of a Chinese mandarin, who is not a Christian, but a man of intelligence and scientific tastes. In an article on "Foreign Intercourse," published last year in Chinese in one of the monthly newspapers in Shanghai, he says, after reviewing the character of the foreign trade:

"The advantages of such a commerce are scarcely sufficient to atone for its evils. The benefits derived from the instruction of foreign educators are more than we can calculate."

He then gives a long list of works on various branches of science that have been prepared by missionaries, both Roman Catholic and Protestant.

Fortunately, our American Ministers have no occasion for wishing to exclude missionaries from the interior of China, in the interest of American trade. Says Hon. WM. B. REED, in explaining the provisions of the treaty which he negotiated in 1858, and referring particularly to the "missionary article:"

"I have no enthusiasm on the subject, but I am bound to say that I consider the missionary element in China as a great conservative and protecting principle. It is the only barrier between the unmitigated advance of commercial enterprise and the not uncommon element of Chinese imbecile corruption."

He adds that the Chinese offered freely to admit into the interior of their country a certain number of missionaries provided with passports. But "to such a proposition he could not accede." He was opposed to the passport system, but "there was a stronger objection." The "distinction as to rights between merchants and missionaries" was one which he could by no means admit. In the light of this fact it is not difficult to perceive whether missions obstruct trade, or whether trade hinders missions; and the subject has received an additional illustration in the case of a missionary who one month ago was forcibly prevented from occupying a house which he had rented in a city not far from Pekin. The place is noted as a centre of the tobacco trade, and it was in vain the missionary protested that he had no other objects than to preach the Gospel and to do good. The tobacconists all leagued against him, and, believing that his real aim was to monopolize their traffic, succeeded in excluding him from the city.

In view of the grave apprehensions expressed by Sir RUTHERFORD ALCOCK, and at first shared by Mr. J. ROSS BROWNE, as to the risks incurred by their missionary countrymen in "pushing too vigorously into the interior," what are we to think of the charge brought against Protestant missionaries by "Vectius," a writer in the London *Times*, who accuses them of alienating the interior and remaining in the open ports with "comfortable bungalow," "well-stocked table, full cellar, and perfect immunity from all personal danger, with the inevitable gunboat under their windows." And in view of the fear which Sir R. ALCOCK says is entertained by Chinese officials that the missionaries may "so influence the lower classes as to interfere with their supremacy," what becomes of the oft-reiterated assertion that Protestant missions are producing no impression on the Chinese people? Their statistics, as given in a recent number of the *Chinese Magazine*, published at Fuchau, show a membership of about 6,000—an increase of more than tenfold in twenty years, and nearly double the number reported three years ago. Whether for good or for evil they are going ahead, and it will not do to charge them with self-indulgent ease and inefficiency. Indeed, if their success continue in the same ratio for a few years longer, as no convert is allowed to smoke opium, it is easy to see that they may interfere eventually with what the English missionaries confess to be the "main branch" of their country's commerce.

THE ENGLISH AND THE BURLINGAME TREATIES.

The long-pending revision of the British treaty is at length completed. What it contains is not yet known to the public. Some of its provisions may, however, be inferred from the opinions of Sir RUTHERFORD ALCOCK above referred to, and it is certain that it contains nothing in favor of railways or telegraphs. The Burlingame treaty—that with the United States—is on the eve of ratification. Mr. MOLEYE BROWN, Secretary to the Chinese Embassy, has just arrived from Europe for the express purpose of inducing the Chinese Government to hasten the ratification. That they would ratify it sooner or later, Mr. BURLINGAME seems to have been sufficiently confident from the first; but the rumor that it had been repudiated or would be, having got afloat, he found the wheels of his diplomacy brought to a dead lock. Hence the mission of Mr. BROWN. I now learn that he has succeeded, and that the ratified copies will be exchanged as soon as the American Chargé d'Affaires returns from Shanghae. Two or three of the lower stars in the tail of Ursa Major came back with the above-named Secretary. Having accomplished his object, he will rejoin his chief without delay, and the Chinese mission will probably complete its work early in the ensuing year. It is a singular dilemma that the Chinese Government finds itself placed in. Had it rejected the treaty it was charged with rashness; if it accepted it, it was charged with taking it as a barrier to progress. In any case it was liable to be misconstrued. So the document itself is liable to be misunderstood and abused. But for my own part, I believe that good and not evil may be expected from a compact which establishes closer relations between these two great countries.

THE MOHAMMEDAN REBELLION.

The strength of the Mohammedan rebellion is so far broken, that the literary examinations which had long been suspended in the Northwestern Provinces are again reopened.

PERRY FLINT.

AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.

New President of the Cortes—Party Movements—The Spanish Budget—Relations of Rivero and Prim.

From Our Own Correspondent.

MADRID, Monday, Jan. 17, 1870.

The most important event which has taken place here lately, and the news of which will have reached you by cable before the receipt of this, is the election of the new President of the Cortes, which took place to-day. Señor ZORRILLA, ex-Minister of Justice, has been elected by a majority of 109 votes, against 61 obtained by Señor RIOS Y ROSAS and 20 given to Señor FIGUEROA. The election was fiercely contested, and a moral may be drawn from the fact that the Progressists triumphed, spite of their prior division, one fraction of the party desiring to nominate Señor ZORRILLA and GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ, the others favoring Señor MADOZ. Señor FIGUEROA was the Republican candidate, and the fact of his having mustered 20 would go to prove that the strength of the Republican Party is far from diminishing.

Some of the Madrid papers affirm that the Regent is resolved on sending to the Cortes the message which I have spoken of in a previous letter. In such a case there would be no option but either to choose another Regent or to confer all the powers of a monarch on the Duke de la TORRE. I have heard it asserted that Marshal SERRANO's partisans intended to demandfor him all the privileges of the Executive authority. Should they succeed in their endeavors, the Cortes will pass only the most essentially necessary organic laws, the crowning of the edifice being reserved for the united Senate and ordinary Cortes. The actual members of the General Councils being the same who held office under the late monarchy, new ones will have to be elected before then, together with the highest ratepayers of each department, can nominate the Senators. This body will therefore not be elected before April next, and probably not open its sessions before the month of May. Very little hope remains accordingly of seeing the monarchical question conclusively solved before the end of June, always provided that no intervening coup d'état cuts the Gordian knot as a blow.

Many of the leading Progressists desire that the Constituent Cortes shall continue their work slowly, but surely; but time passes away, and with it all their prestige. Very few people in Spain place any faith whatever in the sagacity, the good will or the patriotism of the present Cortes, who seem occupied only with fostering and parrying intrigues, and who never trouble themselves about studying or preparing reports on projects of laws and reforms urgently demanded by the country. During discussions on the budget or other such important questions, there are hardly ever more than fifty Deputies in the legislative hall. They prefer promenading in the corridors and in the library, and listening to all the chit-chat of their political friends. The Republicans seem to be made of stronger stuff than the majority of their colleagues. Señors CASTELAR and FERMOSO have announced their intention of leaving court in the [illegible] Cortes. They will [illegible] considerable minorities of the army and navy [illegible] which seem to their sanction. [illegible] the Nation's money. They will also [illegible] a resolution of the [illegible] of the clergy, and especially of the canons and greaters.

The new Minister of Justice has accepted without modification the projects of law presented by his predecessor, relating to the reformation of the penal, civil and commercial codes, and of the registry of births, deaths and marriages.

General PRIM and Señor RIVERO do not seem to live in harmony. The latter wants to be lord and master in the Ministry, and General PRIM does not appear to be inclined to let the reins go out of his hands. In case of quarrel the secretary smashed will be that of General PRIM's establishment, as Señor RIVERO has the Regent to back him.

ITALY.

The Ecumenical Council—Incidents Worth Noting—Red Hats Accumulating—The Feats of the Epiphany—Italian Justice.

From Our Own Correspondent.

FLORENCE, Thursday, Jan. 13, 1870.

In the absence of more important matters, letters from Rome give reports of the smallest sayings and doings, real or imaginary, of the gods and heroes of the Roman Olympus. Record is made of the fact that the Pope, the first fine day, alighted from his carriage on the Pincio, for a walk among the fashionable throng, and to receive the adulation which he so much enjoys. In the language of my Roman letter, a boy of an excellent American family visiting Rome came running and planted himself directly in the path of His Holiness. PIUS IX. paused for a moment to look at the boy, and with the three fingers in mystical pose crossed off the usual benediction. But the *fanciullo* was not satisfied, and the Pope put out his hand for him to kiss the ring of the fisherman. "The boy seized it in both his and shook it several times with all the force he had, in the manner with which the Americans and English are accustomed to give proof of their cordiality. *Poi il fanciullo* as *fuggì con velocemente come era venuto.*" The boy then ran away with the same velocity with which he came." With such incidents as these we are entertained, for they bring the *Santo Padre* before us figuring as a hero of real life. Turning from such a description to the two or three Roman journals, made up almost wholly of the most flunkey adulation of the Pontiff and the Papal Court, we see the Holy Father in the character of a Babylonian monarch. The staple of such journalism, from day to day, is that *La Santità Di Nostro Signore* deigned to allow Tom, Dick and Harry among Cardinals, Bishops and Monsignori to kiss his foot on such and such an occasion of unusual jubilation.

RED HATS.

By the death of Cardinals, red hats are accumulating so rapidly that speculation becomes more and more alive as towards whom, as rewards for services rendered, they are to be flung. It would not surprise anybody if one or two were carried across the Atlantic, as the American branch of the Catholic Episcopacy is rising to a position of such high respectability and influence. Several American Bishops have important places as members of delegations, and their opinions have weight for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is that they contribute more liberally than any others in money to keep up the Holy Father now that the revolution forces him to depend upon charitable contributions. The American, with some English Bishops, in all to the number of more than thirty, hold their reunions in the College of the *Umiltà* to compare notes and keep up a good understanding. Some of the Bishops from different countries are far advanced in life, and nearly forty of them, in spite them to as little fatigue of movement as possible, are lodged in the old Palace of the *Canonica*, immediately behind St. Peter's, so that they are able to enter the church without going out of doors. A last attempt has been made to improve the acoustic qualities of the Hall of Council by stretching a cloth, at a moderate elevation, over the whole surface. This experiment of the lines roof promises to succeed, and the inconvenience of preparing a new room in the Palace of the Quirinal Hill, two miles distant, may be avoided. The Cardinal Princes may not be called upon to meet in a body at the Quirinal Palace until the time comes for electing the successor of PIUS IX.

THE EPIPHANY.

The feats of the Epiphany have just ended, and again business was suspended for a long season. The people in general seem to have lost little of their old love of holidays and fêtes. The law-makers have done what they could to draw the attention of the populace from play to work, by abolishing a considerable number of the Saints' Days, as occasions of abandonment of the shop. The first day of the year was even put out of the holiday record, and the thousands of placemen of the Government were assembled as law, obliged to stay in their offices. But it is hard for the people, so long accustomed to the inevitable *disordinato* of the despotic regime, to accommodate themselves to the change, and all the shops were shut on New-Year's, while the servants of the Crown growled and frowned because they were not allowed to go out to walk with the rest. Under the old state of things the Jew was forced by law to make greater sacrifices than the Christian. As the Jew faithfully keeps the Sabbath of the Mosaic code, on Saturday and Sunday are lost to him as days of traffic, and if *Corpus Domini*, the Ascension *San Giovanni*, Christmas or any other *fête* does not happen to fall on one of those days, then another is added to the number of lost opportunities for worldly gain. In fact, as the case at present stands, the son of Abraham is obliged, willing or unwilling, to keep his shop shut one-third of all the days of the year. So much "soldiering" on the part of those who deal in merchandise is a great inconvenience to heads of families. If your sugar bowl is empty, or your shoe strings are broken, you must wait until to-morrow to replenish the one and get a new supply of the other. Of bell-ringing there is no cessation, and frequently not a little to the annoyance of fidgety people, who happen to live in the shadow of the church towers. Nearly every campanile in Italy has its peal of three or four bells, for to the great loss of rhythmical art, chimes in this country are quite unknown; while all the "sacred bronzes" have not the grandeur of tone of those of the cathedral of Florence. Some English residents in my neighborhood not long ago took into their heads the absurd belief that they could put a stop to the bell-ringing abuse by availing themselves of the "sacred right of petition." So they signed a request to the authority with this object in view; but as might have been expected, the paper was quietly laid on the shelf. At the season of the Epiphany there is a habit here of blowing in the streets long glass trumpets, and in this way very young people get off a great deal of their surplus enthusiasm.

The summing up of all this is that the children of Italy, old and young, have not yet fully learned the sober lesson that freedom, union, and a nationality strong upon a foundation of wealth, is to be bought only with the price of hard labor. It cannot be denied that the country, with its present industry and accumulated opulence, is overtaxed, and a financial strait, now almost chronic, can only be got over by greatly increasing the quantity of production of the twenty-three millions of the population of the kingdom. We, who have always had faith in Italy, are disposed to have patience, for we know that the transition is slow from the habits of despotic rule to those of freedom.

THE SPANISH CROWN.

A dispute has been going on for a few days past between several of the leading newspapers, whether the royal family of Italy has really given its final decision in opposition to the plan of making the Duke of Genoa King of Spain. From trustworthy declarations, now published, there cannot any longer be doubt that so far as the Majesty and royal family here are concerned, both are committed by a formal *veto* against the project. The mother of the young Prince, never favorable to so risky an adventure for her son, has now the favor back of King and Council to confirm her convictions. In so far as [illegible] time to get breakfast!"

In Amherst, Mass., and Meridian, N. Y., during a snow storm, on Saturday night last, large balls of snow rolled up by the wind were visible almost every where. Some of them were rolled up with square ends and a large hole through the middle like a lady's muff.

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CURRENT NOTES.

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Dr. CHARLES COTTON, one of the oldest and best physicians of Newport, R. I., died on Wednesday, aged 81 years.

A sick young lady in Worcester, Mass., has been attended by thirteen physicians, and still lives.

Most of our American statesmen could solve the Chinese puzzle could they only get a queue.

Oregon is appealed to to erect a monument over the neglected grave of Colonel E. D. BAKER in San Francisco.

ROBERT HABERSHAM, Savannah's oldest merchant, died on Saturday, Jan. 20. He was a son of Hon. JOSEPH HABERSHAM, Postmaster-General under WASHINGTON.

All the name a colored candidate for Clerk in Texas at the recent election, could claim is JOHN. He would have received more votes if it had been only Demijohn.

The Trustees of Amherst College are thinking of prohibiting wood fires in the college buildings. The students demur, under the impression that wood is not as deleterious to health as coal.

They have a cat in Augusta, Me., which can open doors having glass knobs, and, moreover, frequently with her paws wipes moisture from the windows or scratches off the ice, to enable her to look out and see what is going on.

A Connecticut paper boasts of a three-year-old boy in that State who was taken to see the cars for the first time the other day, and upon returning home took pencil and paper and drew an accurate picture of the iron horse.

A Springfield firm which advertised for a bookkeeper, received a beautifully-written answer from a young man who averred that he was "pons" to bookkeeping and thought that he would prove "satisfactory."

It is being generally published that Chinese coin is becoming a circulating medium in some northwestern Iowa towns. The only foundation for the report probably is that the people usually pay Cash.

They had what they called a paper party in an Ohio town the other night, and the local journal says paper never appeared to a better advantage as a circulating medium than during the waltzes.

Republicans in Portland, Me., are talking of running General FRANCIS FESSENDEN for Mayor. He is a son of the late Senator FESSENDEN, was a valiant soldier in the war, and is now a practising lawyer in the Forest City.

A young ladies' seminary in Philadelphia has just graduated five "Sallies" and one "Sadie," but not one "Sarah," Nelly, Jude, Essie, Susie, Nattie, &c., &c., make up the rest of the lot.

Messrs. JAMES TERWILLIGER and DWIGHT H. BRUCE have purchased interests in the Syracuse *Journal*, and we suppose the accession of capital will increase the enterprise displayed by that paper.

Rev. SAMUEL LONGFELLOW being asked to speak at the close of a lecture in Boston on "the lesson of Quakerism," said he had "hoped to hear some good silence, as more appropriate to the theme before them."

An Indiana young lady, attending a private party, excused herself when asked to sing, saying: "You must excuse me, for I never attempt to sing, except to warble a few wild notes for public attention."

"We have no organized bands of skilled ruffians," The Chicago *Republican* said this on Monday. "Rampant ruffianism continued outrages in the West Division." The Chicago *Republican* said this on Tuesday.

The Tallahassee *Sentinel* says of Hon O. B. HART, the new United States Senator from Florida: "Born and reared in this State, and always residing here, Colonel HART is full to the eyes with a love and admiration of Florida."

They have one very popular man in Minnesota. To show his popularity, they mention that an Irishman, observing a large funeral procession the other day, exclaimed: "Sure, an' I wish ould ——'s would die; he'd have the biggest funeral ye ever see in this town."

A woman, who says she is "a medium by birth," writes to a Cincinnati paper a card defending herself against charges made against her, and adding: "I carp my living by cultivating insanity to usefulness. I call it metaphysics." Thus we have another definition.

Some unruly boys awakened a sleepy sexton at a prayer meeting in a Maine town, a few nights ago, by their untimely noise, and starting up, he exclaimed, to the dismay of the assembled worshipers, "MARIA! MARIA! get up—it's time to get breakfast!"

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CHICAGO.

Its Politics, a Sermon on Prudery, the Sufferings of the Middle Class and Lack of Business.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22, 1870.

Chicago has a society of the Golden Fleece, and the *Republican* admits that it is too well known in the city to need further introduction. It furthers the illusion by saying that at its recent meeting there were given "selected readings from SHAKESPEARE'S 'Taming of the Shrew' of which it is sufficient to say that most of the readers did not fail to do themselves and SHAKESPEARE justice, though members of the Society were unable to hear and appreciate the great."

A member of a debating society in Zanesville, Ohio, the other night, exclaimed: "Why, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, America is the father of ROBERT FULTON, and ROBERT FULTON is the father of steam and steam engines. He built the boat upon which the Puritans came to this country." Hence a additional cause for lacerations on the part of our evening Democratic contemporary, for this man's vote "can neutralize that of the profoundest thinker in the community."

A recent lecturer before the Historical Society of Chicago, said America had untied a great knot in politics, and he thought she ought to untie another in literature. He wanted a native growth of thought, as spontaneous as our soil, and as beautiful as our wild forests and prairies. But whether beautiful or not, he wanted the native growth, as it was time we had done feeding on the pap of other lands, and Western hoe cake, providing it is good hoe cake, is preferable to the sugar cake baked by others.

Chicago has been punishing some of its thieves and ruffians lately, and their indignant accomplices threaten vengeance. To all which the *Evening Journal* responds: "Let but a hair of Judge MCALLISTER's head be harmed, and within twenty-four hours a Vigilance Committee of five or ten thousand good citizens would be sweeping through Chicago like a hurricane of honest wrath. Every lamp post would be ornamented with a choked thief, and not a single ruffian would be left alive in all Chicago to tell how Judge Lynch succeeded Judge MCALLISTER."

J. J. WRIGHT, the colored man, just elected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, was born in Pennsylvania, graduated at the Lancasterian University in New-York, studied law for two years at Montrose, Penn., and was the first colored man admitted to the bar in that State. In 1865, he went South, and was made legal adviser of the South Carolina freedmen. He was a delegate to the Reconstruction Convention, and was afterwards elected to the State Senate. The Charleston *News*, from which we glean these facts, adds that he is quiet, well-behaved and decidedly intelligent.

General BRECKINRIDGE closed his argument in favor of the Southern Railroad before the Kentucky Legislature thus: "In my mind's eye, gentlemen, I see two pictures. In one of them the light of returning life and prosperity illuminates every part of the State. She is penetrated in every direction by railroads, and seems a great land of transit for all parts of the continent. In the other picture there are some signs of life in one part of Kentucky, but across the larger half a deep shadow is cast. It resembles one of those calm and desert tracts of the ocean where no sail is ever seen, while the tides of life and commerce flow all around it. Over that vast solitude a great silence broods, interrupted only at times by the crack of the hunter's rifle as he seeks a precarious subsistence under your wolf and fox 'scalp laws;' and to the wondering stranger who asks the cause of this desolation, the sad inhabitant replies, 'This is a monument erected by our State to its comprehensive policy, its impartial justice and its fostering care of its people.'" Thus did JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE picture Kentucky.

A Word in Defense of the Jackson Iron Works.

The statement to which some currency has been given by a morning journal, to the effect that Messrs. JACKSON & CO., proprietors of the iron works in East Fourteenth-street, kept a number of their workmen as prisoners in stables connected with their establishment is totally devoid of truth. The facts are these. About eight weeks since the iron moulders in the employ of JACKSON & CO. refused to work for the wages offered by the firm, (which, in consequence of a dearth of orders, were necessarily reduced from a former rate,) and the places of the striking moulders were supplied by men willing to work at the reduced rates. Many of these latter were assaulted by the strikers, and became fearful of a repetition of attack. At their request the firm fitted up for their accommodation a house adjoining the foundry, where they are comfortably housed and fed at a moderate charge. No prisoners are there, nor do they, their exit and entrance being perfectly optional. As most of them are foreigners and strangers in New-York, however, they are timid with regard to traveling about the City when not at work, in consequence of the assaults that have been made on some of their number, and detective policemen have been detailed to look after and protect them. This is the whole story in a nutshell.

The Tournament of the Brooklyn Chess Club.

This is, undoubtedly, the greatest tournament which has yet taken place in the United States, excepting, of course, the Chess Congress, held in New-York in 1869, in which the celebrated players PAUL MORPHY and L. PAULSEN joined. The most distinguished chess players of New-York and Brooklyn are engaged, among others Captain MACKENZIE, Major WERNICKE, F. E. PERRINE, the celebrated blindfold player, C. A. GILBERT, F. PERRIS and J. MASON. The score is as follows:

	Won.	Lost.
F. E. Perrine	12	1
C. A. Gilbert	11	1
H. R. White	7	1
J. Perris	5	1
G. H. Mackenzie	5	1
J. Mason	3	1
H. Mason	6	3
A. Beyer	5	4
E. Delmar	8	4
J. A. De Cos	14	12

Stolen Bonds—A Wall-Street Firm in Trouble.

Yesterday morning, Mr. WILLIAM G. GILBERT, President of the "American Fireproof Warehouse Company," appeared before Justice COX, of the Jefferson Market Police Court, and made the following affidavit:

WILLIAM G. GILBERT, of No. 4 Pine-street, the said being the office of the American Fireproof Warehouse Company, being duly sworn, deposes as follows: That on or about the 12th day of January last the above-mentioned premises were entered by a sneak thief, and the following property was stolen therefrom: Twenty-five bonds of $1,000 each of the above Company, numbered respectively from 101 to 125, inclusive; that deponent has been unable to discover the whereabouts of said bonds, although he has made diligent search; that on the 19th day of February, being on the premises, No. 6 Wall-street, occupied by the firm of FROCKNEY & BROTHERS, he discovered said bonds in possession of said Frockney, and upon inquiry as to the fact of the bonds having been stolen, said FROCKNEY positively refused to give deponent the names of the parties of whom he had purchased said bonds, and that the said deponent, desirous of obtaining all information on the subject, prays that the said FROCKNEY may be summoned to give all information in his possession touching said bonds.

A summons has been issued for the parties involved, and an examination will be had at 2 P. M. to-day.

New-York Consuls.

The following was the number and nationality of the vessels that entered this port in January from foreign countries: American, 183; British, 114; North German, 81; Norwegian, 16; Italian, 4; Netherlands, 4; French, 4; Austrian, 3; Danish, 3; Russian, 3; Argentine, 1; Mexican, 1; Swedish, 1. Total, 343. Vessels entered coastwise, 178.

Turning the Tables—A Scene in the Tombs Police Court.

During the morning session of the Tombs Police Court yesterday, three handsomely and richly-dressed young women, of prepossessing appearance, and noticeable for their profusion display of gold chains and other trinkets, seated themselves in the Court room. As soon as the business on the Magistrate's hands slackened he called up JOHN HEFFERNAN, of No. 4 Marion-street, a man with pallid face and elaborately-dyed mustaches. The name of JENNIE COLLINS was also called by the Magistrate, that the three female women, rushed and carried their rustling silks within the railing.

HEFFERNAN, it then appeared, had secured the aid of a warrant for JENNIE's arrest, on a charge of assault and abusive conduct towards him. He testified that on Tuesday evening he had attended "FANNY WILLIAMS' Hall" and had there met the complainant, who, without any provocation, had called him, several vile names and hacked him. He called up as a witness a man who evidently drank more strong liquor than was good for him, and whose testimony had been taken between counsels only in some Assistant Judge's Chambers. This witness made matters still worse for JENNIE, who stated that she had supported the witness for over four years by her sinful earnings.

The defendant was then sworn, as well as her companions, who all testified that the complainant had first insulted JENNIE, and on her making an angry reply, he had knocked her down and brutally kicked her. The Magistrate was informed that JENNIE had threatened to obtain a warrant for HEFFERNAN's arrest, hence his sudden notice.

HEFFERNAN's chalky face became a shade or two paler when Justice DOWLING decided to reverse the order of affairs by directing JENNIE to make an affidavit against the assailant, who was immediately locked up for trial, much to his astonishment and indignation. These unfortunate and reckless women are constantly exposed to such attempts at oppression from those they deem their friends.

THE CITY BUDGET.

Estimated Expenses of the City Government for 1870.

A summary of the expenses of the City Government for 1870, has already been published in the TIMES. Below we give the items in detail:

Advertising for the common council	$40,000 00
Annexed towns and improvements	60,000 00
Central Park—Maintenance and government of the	[illegible]
Charges on account of assessments	10,000 00
Charges on arrears of taxes	15,000 00
Cleaning streets under contract	80,000 00
Cleaning markets	6,000 00
City contingencies	6,000 00
City elections	19,000 00
Contingencies—Legislative Department	2,500 00
Contingencies—Mayor's Office	1,000 00
Contingencies—Comptroller's Office	15,000 00
Contingencies—Law Department	25,000 00
Contingencies—Corporation Attorney	3,000 00
Contingencies—Police Department	20,000 00
Contingencies—Croton Aqueduct Department	8,000 00
Contingencies—Unsafe Building Department	10,000 00
Donations	20,000 00
Election expenses	8,000 00
Errors and delinquencies	5,000 00
Flagging sidewalks and fencing vacant lots	2,000 00
Interest on City debt	1,146,[illegible]
Lamps and gas	1,160,000 00
Lands and places	60,000 00
Lands and places for battery improvement	15,000 00
Maintenance of Museum and Observatory	[illegible]
Metropolitan fire Department Fund	81,000 00
Improvement of Mount Morris square	15,000 00
New stone bridge at Kingsbridge	10,000 00
Police Station Houses	25,000 00
Public telegraph	5,000 00
Printing for the Common Council	20,000 00
Printing for departments	70,000 00
Public Administrator's Office—Arrears for advertising	2,410 54
Public buildings—Construction and repairs	125,000 00
Public Charities and Correction	1,159,[illegible]
Public drinking fountains and urinals	3,000 00
Public instruction	1,[illegible]
Rents	25,000 00
Real estate expenses	100,000 00
Reimbursement of trust funds	5,000 00
Removing nightsoil, offal and dead animals	40,000 00
Removing obstructions in streets and harbor	5,000 00
Repairs and improvements	100,000 00
Salaries—Legislative Department	20,000 00
Salaries—Mayor's Office	25,000 00
Salaries—Department of Finance	247,000 00
Salaries—Street Department	20,000 00
Salaries—Croton Aqueduct Department	10,000 00
Salaries—Law Department	27,[illegible]
Salaries—Board of Assessors	25,000 00
Salaries—Board of Revisions and Correction of Assessments	2,000 00
Salaries—City Courts	[illegible]
Stationery and blank books	70,000 00
Sewers—Repairing and cleaning	100,000 00
Street improvements	15,000 00
Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents	5,000 00
Supplies for and cleaning public offices	100,000 00
Taxes, Buildings for collection, survey of, temporary clerks	25,000 00
Repairing and cleaning wells and pumps	2,000 00
Wharves, piers and slips	250,000 00
West line, Central Park, extension to the grade of Eighth-avenue	25,000 00
Total	$9,224,[illegible]
Interest on City debt	1,[illegible]
Redemption of the City debt	[illegible]
Total	$13,[illegible]
Less estimated revenues of the General Fund	2,[illegible]
Total amount to be raised by tax	$9,[illegible]

POLICE AFFAIRS.

**Promotions and

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

BEFORE THE SUB-TREASURY—FOURTH CHECK—QUARTERMASTER'S ACCOUNTS.

Robert O. Harper vs. Henry H. Van Dyck.—BLATCHFORD, J.—This is an action of assumpsit tried before the Court without a jury. It is brought to recover the sum of $1,822 32, which the plaintiff alleges to be due to him from the defendant, as the balance in the hands of the defendant of moneys deposited by the plaintiff with the defendant during the year 1867, subject to draft on demand. At the time of the deposit of the moneys in question, the plaintiff was an Assistant Quartermaster in the United States Army, and chief Quartermaster in the Department of the United States at the City of New-York. The moneys deposited were moneys of the United States intrusted to the plaintiff for disbursement as such Assistant Quartermaster. In pursuance of moneys so intrusted to him for disbursement, shall deposit the same with the Treasurer of the United States or with any of the Assistant Treasurers or public depositaries of the United States, and shall remain outstanding on the 1st of July, 1866, shall be deposited by the Treasurer of the United States, to be carried into effect the provisions of the first section of the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1865, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of certain outstanding Treasury warrants, and that the like course shall be pursued at the close of every fiscal year, in respect to all checks and warrants which shall then have been outstanding for three years or more." The act of the 14th of June, 1866 (14 U. S. Stat. at Large, 81), provides that it shall be the duty of every disbursing officer of the United States, having any public money in his hands, to deposit the same with the Treasurer or some of the Assistant Treasurers of the United States, to be disbursed by them only as it may be required by the Treasury Department, and that the disbursing officers shall be furnished on application to the Treasury Department, with such blank checks as may be required for payments to be made by him pursuant to law; and that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to specially authorize such public money to be deposited in such other places, and under certain circumstances, and upon such conditions as the public interest may require, and upon such compensation for the services of such depositaries as he shall deem just and reasonable, not exceeding the rate of one-half of one per cent. per annum on the average daily balances so deposited, and upon such other conditions as he shall prescribe, and to require such bonds from such depositaries as he shall deem necessary for the safe keeping and disbursing of the public money so deposited, and that for the failure to safely keep all moneys deposited by any disbursing officer and disbursing agent of the United States, the Treasurer of the United States shall be held and deemed to be the depositaries of such moneys. For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the last-mentioned act, the Secretary of the Treasury, on or before the 1st day of July, 1866, shall have made and issued to all disbursing officers of circular instructions. One of the instructions so issued to the disbursing officers and disbursing agents employed under the direction of the Treasury Department, and direct to the officers to deposit all public money in their hands, or which may be payable to any of them, with the nearest or most convenient public depositary, to their credit, to be disbursed by such public depositary upon their drafts and checks upon public depositaries drawn by them, when payment is to be made. It further directs that drafts and checks upon public depositaries drawn by disbursing officers of the Treasury and other public depositaries, and direct the officers to deposit all moneys received by them for deposit with them by any disbursing officer or agent of the United States, to the credit of such officer or agent on their books, subject to the draft or check of such officer or agent only in favor of the persons to whom payment is to be made. It also directs that whenever any disbursing officer or disbursing agent shall draw any check, or order, or receive further payment of his drafts or checks shall be at once stopped, and state that specific information will be given in all cases as to the payment of outstanding checks, and the balance deposited to the credit of such officer or agent. It also contains directions as to furnishing with statements in detail, showing the moneys received for his account, and the amounts paid out on his drafts or checks, and directions that the drafts or checks shall not be returned to the disbursing officers or disbursing agents, and to be cancelled, if required by the accounting officers in the adjustment of the accounts of such officers or agents. In the year of July, 1866, an act was passed (15 U. S. Stat. at Large, 83), that any officer or agent of the United States who shall receive money which he shall not be authorized to retain as salary, pay or emolument, shall forthwith deposit the same to the credit of the proper account, in the Treasury of the United States, with such depositary as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct, to be deemed a defalcation, and be subject to all the penalties prescribed by the sixteenth section of the act of Aug. 6, 1846, relating to moneys received by the Treasury Department. In the year of July, 1866, and authorized to the Assistant Treasurer at New-York, the amount of that account, included to the act of July 27, 1866, a strict compliance by him with the requirements of that act is claimed upon him. By the act of May 2, 1866 (14 U. S. Stat. at Large, 41) it is provided that any disbursing officer or any agent of the Government of the United States, upon any Assistant Treasurer or depositary, where such moneys are represented on the books of the Assistant Treasurer or standing to the credit of such disbursing officer or agent, drafts shall have been issued before July 1, 1866, and shall have been issued by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, and shall remain outstanding on the 1st of July, 1866, shall be deposited by the Treasurer of the United States, to be carried into effect by warrant, and that the like course shall be pursued at the close of every fiscal year, in respect to all drafts and checks which shall then have been outstanding for three years or more. The act of the 14th of June, 1866 (14 U. S. 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Announcements this Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
Irving-place and 14th-st.
MATINEE at 1 o'clock—MASANIELLO. (Italian opera.) Leading characters by Mesdms. Lefranc, Boyer and Mlle. Sauvé.
EVENING at 8 o'clock—CONCERT OF THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY. Artists: Miss Kellogg, Miss Mehlig, and a grand orchestra.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
Sixth-av. and 23d-st.
GUY MANNERING. Leading characters by Mrs. Emma Waller, and Messrs. Hamblin, Waller and Anderson.
MATINEE at 1 o'clock—HAMLET.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL. Leading characters by Messrs. J. W. Wallack, Gilbert, Fisher, Miss Henriques and Miss Moncrieff.
Matinee at 1½ o'clock—OURS.

FRENCH THEATRE.
14th-st., near 6th-av.
MLLE. MULTON. Leading character by Mme. Micheau.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock—THE GRAND DUCHESSE.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
THE DUKE'S MOTTO. Leading characters by Mr. Peakes, Mr. Stewart, Miss Le Clercq and Mrs. M. Jones.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st., near Broadway.
SURF. Leading characters by Messrs. Geo. Clarke, Davidge, Miss Fanny Davenport and Mrs. Gilbert.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Bleecker-st.
THE SERIOUS FAMILY and THE SPITFIRE. Leading characters by Mr. Geo. L. Fox.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

THEATRE FRANCAIS.
14th-st., near 6th-av.
LA GRANDE DUCHESSE DE GEROLSTEIN. Leading character by Mrs. Howard Paul.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
BUCK BUCK,—HOW MARY HORNS, (Pantomime.)
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

WOOD'S MUSEUM AND MENAGERIE.
Broadway, corner 30th-st.
IXION. Large collection of curiosities on exhibition.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.
14th-st., between 3d and 4th-avs.
EXHIBITION OF EQUESTRIAN AND ATHLETIC FEATS.
MATINEE at 2½ o'clock.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.
No. 585 Broadway.
NEGRO MINSTRELSY. Birch, Wambold, Bernard, Backus, &c.

IRVING HALL.
15th-st. and Irving-place.
LECTURE BY BAYARD TAYLOR. Subject: "Life in Europe and America."

HALL OF THE Y. M. C. ASSOCIATION.
23d-st., corner 4th-av.
MATINEE at 3 o'clock—POPULAR CONCERT. Artists: Miss E. A. Hamlin, Messrs. Centemeri, Mollenhauer and others.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH, BROOKLYN.
Orange-st., near Hicks-st.
Afternoon at 4 o'clock—ORGAN CONCERT ON THE GREAT ORGAN.

APOLLO HALL.
28th-st., near Broadway.
EXHIBITION OF A PANORAMA OF IRELAND.

LEEDS ART GALLERY.
No. 817 Broadway.
EXHIBITION OF THE THOMPSON COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

A dispatch from Rome says the Pope will hereafter decline to hold any controversy respecting the dogma of personal infallibility. The death of another Archbishop, and the serious illness of the Archbishop of Lyons, are announced. The Council now consists of 760 members....The official organ of the Russian Government again declares that peace is anxiously desired....The Viceroy of Egypt is reported to have formed an alliance with Greece....A writer in the London *Times* ascribes the depression in the cotton trade in England to the high price of the raw material and the superiority of the American manufactures....A deputation of learned men in England yesterday waited upon members of the Government and asked the endowment of scientific schools by the State....It is proposed to reduce the rates of dockage at the Birkenhead docks at Liverpool.

CONGRESS.

But little business was transacted in the Senate yesterday. A bill was passed authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to withhold moneys due to States in default of the payment of interest on bonds held in trust by the Government. A long discussion was had in reference to the abolition of the franking privilege on a motion to take the House bill from the table. The motion was lost by a vote of 22 to 24. A number of bills and resolutions of an unimportant character were reported from Committees, and several local bills were passed. Pending the consideration of bill to relieve the political disabilities (under the Fourteenth Amendment) of a number of persons in various States, the Senate adjourned until Monday.

In the House a resolution was adopted after some debate authorizing the Committee on Military Affairs to investigate the reported sale of appointments to the Naval and Military Academies by members of Congress. A number of private bills were passed, and a bill was introduced to provide a mode of paying pensions. The bill to relieve FRANCIS E. SHALLS, member elect from North Carolina, from taking the test oath, was tabled by a vote of 89 to 78. In Committee of the Whole the bill for the relief of the poor of the District of Columbia was considered, and, subsequently passed after the adoption of the amendment of Mr. LOGAN instructing the Secretary of War to issue rations to the poor. Some further routine business was transacted, and at 5 o'clock P. M. the House adjourned until to-day, when the session will be devoted to general debate only.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate yesterday, the bill to regulate proceedings against corporations by injunctions or otherwise, was reported. Bills were introduced to alter the map of New-York City; to aid the Boys and Girls' Lodging House of the Children's Aid Society of New-York. After receiving the report of the Managers of the State Lunatic Asylum, the Senate adjourned to Monday evening.

The House concurred in the Senate resolution to elect a Regent of the University and Police Commissioner on the 10th inst. The annual appropriation bill was reported and made special order for Tuesday next. A bill was reported to authorize the construction of a public market in the Thirteenth Ward, New-York. A resolution requiring savings banks to report, within twenty days, the amount of unclaimed deposits in their hands, whether such deposits have been transferred to any other fund, and whether the banks have complied with the law by advertising such deposits, was adopted. The bill providing for an additional Police Court in New-York came up for a third reading, and was lost by a vote of 36 to 38. A motion to reconsider was made, and the bill laid on the table. Bills were introduced to charter the New-York Real Estate Exchange, and to regulate the fares on the New-York and New-Haven Railroad. After ordering sessions to be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings next, the House adjourned to Monday evening.

GENERAL.

Two colored men, JONES and CARPENTER, were executed yesterday at Newcastle, Del., for the crime of rape.

The British Colonial Secretary, according to a Toronto dispatch, holds that the Hudson Bay Company is responsible for the government of the Red River territory, and must not expect compensation for the losses it has suffered, having failed to properly assert its authority. The expedition of Imperial troops and Canadian volunteers will reach the Red River about July 1, it is expected.

On the opening of the Newfoundland Legislature, on Thursday, a vote of want of confidence in the Ministry was carried by the Anti-Confederationists by 21 to 8.

The third game of billiards, for $2,000, between DEERY and DION, in San Francisco, was played on Thursday night, and was won by DEERY, the score being: DEERY, 1,500; DION, 1,044.

The merchants and shipmasters of San Francisco have determined to test the constitutionality of the harbor dues charged at that port.

The Hudson River is filled with ice a distance of ninety miles above Poughkeepsie. The steamer *Connecticut*, from New-York for Troy, on Thursday night, could go no further than Hudson, where she unloaded her freight and passengers.

Disturbances between whites and blacks in Brookville, Miss., on the 20th ult., threatened to prove serious, but quiet was restored on the arrest of seventy-five negroes, who had taken a white youth from the Constable who had him in custody for wounding a negro.

A gold fever has broken out in Clark County, Ill., a returning Californian, it is said, having found gold in the earth on "Big Creek."

The Coroner's jury has censured the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for having an insufficient number of brakemen on the train by which the recent fatal accident was caused; and JOHN LAYT, the brakeman on the rear of the detached train, for being absent from his post.

The election contests in Ohio have terminated by the admission of Mr. BLACKBURN to the seat claimed by him in the House.

The Philadelphia Metropolitan Police bill passed the Pennsylvania Lower House, yesterday.

The thermometer reached 24° below zero yesterday morning, at Bangor, Me., and 12° below at Lewiston.

The Secretary of State yesterday received from Minister BURLINGAME the official copy of the recently ratified treaty with China.

LOCAL.

District-Attorney GARVIN made a motion in the Court of General Sessions yesterday to have the McFarland murder case transferred to the Court of Oyer and Terminer for trial. Mr. JOHN GRAHAM, counsel for the prisoner, opposed the motion on several grounds. Decision was reserved by Judge BENEDICT.

The members of the New-York Academy of Medicine have been discussing the new disease known as "Relapsing Fever." They advise that each case as it appears be quarantined immediately.

The coinage in the branch mint at San Francisco during the month of January amounted to $1,800,000.

A dispatch was received by Mr. C. J. BRIDGES in Toronto, Canada, on Wednesday night, from Jacksonville, Fla., announcing the death of Lieutenant-General WINDHAM, commander of the British forces in Canada, who recently went South for his health.

The Louisiana Senate yesterday passed a bill to give the precedence to the laws of the present General Assembly over all previous laws where they come in conflict.

The Navy in Congress—Nobody to Blame.

From the recent sharp discussions in Congress it is clear that members, before voting new naval appropriations, wish to feel quite sure that the present Bureau has renounced its predecessor and all its works. Such was the prodigious loss in construction during the eight years from 1861 to 1869, measured indeed, by many millions, that this precaution is perfectly justifiable. The late ingenious letter of ex-Secretary WELLES ought to show that there is not much sympathy between the two; and yet we feel that the new bureau owes it to itself to show more fully *why* the new appropriations asked for are so large. There never yet has been a careful official review of the wasteful, and worse than wasteful, naval experiments of the two preceding Administrations. Mr. RONDSON's excellent report did, indeed, throw some light on the subject; but, probably out of official courtesy, the matter was there treated gingerly, and no actual exhibit of facts and figures was given, with the stern, direct comment added, "Thou art the man!"

The Committee on Appropriations lately reported a bill for supplying deficiencies in the navy by the sum of $3,000,000, all of which was devoted to the two Bureaus of "Steam Engineering" and "Construction and Repair." These were each cut down by one-half in the House—namely, to $1,500,000 in all—and the bill, so reduced, was passed. Why were these items cut down? If we may believe the report of the discussion, it was because members did not consider that the larger sum would be properly expended. Perhaps they recall the enormous sums wasted on naval noondescripts during the last ten years, and ask what there is to show for them. They turn to Secretary WELLES' annual reports for eight years, and find that everything is right, and that our navy, especially the new wooden screw fleet, is the best in the world. They turn to Secretary RONDSON's report, and find that the navy in March, 1869, was almost a wreck, certainly not worthy of a second-class Power, and our foreign squadrons such as, if attacked on their cruising stations by the superior war ships of other commercial Powers, would be driven to seek the shelter of the monitors that guard our shores. But, for all that, so far as can be seen from any official report yet made public, with all these millions spent, with a navy neglected, and, finally, left in great part ruined and wrecked, there is "nobody to blame."

Congressmen want the mystery probed, and the hole into which old appropriations sank examined and explored. We have paid enough for two good navies—why are we without even one? Erroneous principles must be abandoned, formally renounced. At the end of the last Congress a great victory was made on account of alleged malconstruction in the navy, and a Board of Survey of civilian experts was proposed to guide future construction, and, more especially, the planning of steam machinery. What has become of the project for that Board? We believe a clear and frank statement of just how many vessels had been spoiled, from 1860 to 1870, for the want of engineering skill, and what precautions had been taken to have no more engineering failures in the future, would enlighten Congress.

That body, again, has made sundry objections to the appropriations for repair, and cut them down. Some of these objections were not a little shrewd and sound as core, if extravagant in expression—as, for example, that of Mr. WASHBURN, who "expressed his belief that most of the vessels proposed to be repaired were utterly worthless as war vessels," and that of Mr. LOGAN, who thereupon added, "that is exactly what they are—old tubs." The fundamental objection seems to be this, that the members do not comprehend exactly what the proposed repair work is, and whether it will be of any use, even if it be furnished. They evidently regard it as something like repairing forts, planned on the idea of twenty years ago, and now superseded. They do not see why it is that ships on which so much has been expended, should be forever tinkered. As a matter of fact, we believe that a considerable part of the money recently expended has been in order to give to ships made to cruise only under steam suitable sailing powers. Regarding some of these, it seems probable that reconstruction of their motive power will pay by reason of the coal saved; regarding others, we fear that their bulky machinery is mainly fit for the scrap heap.

The "Bureau of Construction and Repair," which asked for appropriations, is really composed of two branches, by its title, and perhaps the union is confusing to some Congressmen. For it has long been evident that naval construction is not the proper duty of Government, since it can be done much more cheaply, promptly and skillfully in private yards and shops. These latter are in constant competition with each other, and secure the best talent and skilled labor. Their planning is rarely or never the abortive stuff to which Government planning has long accustomed us. Mindful of this fact, it is possible that sometimes Congressmen take an unjust prejudice against the Bureau in question from its very name. We say "unjust," because, on the contrary, repairing is the proper duty of Government, and it can be done more deliberately, economically and effectively by the appliances at their command than by private means. All that is needed is the assurance that the repairing facilities shall not be misused for carrying out any special engineering vagaries, but shall be guided by the ordinary approved principles in this line of work. That quite enough repairing is needed to use up the sum appropriated is evident. That Secretary RONDSON is vigorously getting the navy into better condition is obvious. But we believe Congress would have been more liberal had it known precisely how ruinous had been our former failures in construction, and had it seen the clear evidence that similar failures had been made impossible in the future.

The Education Question in England.

There is no point on which the people of Great Britain are to-day more unanimous than this, that a pressing necessity exists for the establishment of a comprehensive scheme of national education. The simple fact that at this moment nearly one-half of the juvenile population of England and Wales is growing up unable to read or write, is an argument which overrides a great many minor differences of opinion, and pleads most eloquently for immediate action. The denominational schools have been tried and found wanting, and their future existence must depend on their ability to compare in usefulness with the unsectarian schools which will shortly be instituted alongside of them. That a supplementary organization is needed, every one admits. As to what its details shall be, there is considerable diversity of opinion.

Like all great political movements in England, the education question finds its programme in the platform of rival leagues. The great Birmingham organization which was formed a few months ago, now numbers, as noted by our correspondent, 1,500 subscribers, having funds amounting to $250,000, and when completed will have about 140 different branches. Its aim may be briefly described as the attainment of elementary instruction for every child in England and Wales, by means of free unsectarian schools, supported partly by national, partly by local rates, so that no obstacle may exist against enforcing compulsory attendance where necessary. This scheme does not propose to interfere with existing denominational schools, but to enable them to meet the formidable competition of the national schools, it proposes to pay for a certain number of children to be gratuitously educated, should the imparting of religious instruction be left to the decision of their parents. It likewise offers an inducement for these denominational schools to become almost entirely assimilated to the national schools, by paying two-thirds of their entire expenses, on condition that they give free instruction and leave religious tuition to be communicated either before or after school hours, attendance on which is to be perfectly optional. In the strictly unsectarian schools which it is proposed to establish in all districts where the required accommodation does not exist, the School Board will be empowered to permit religious instruction out of school hours, as also to sanction the reading of the Bible without note or comment, immediately before or after the school business, provided that no child shall be present if the parents or guardians disapprove. The majority of the various denominations of English dissenters unite with a large proportion of the secularists in supporting this scheme.

The rival project of the Manchester League is simply [illegible] from the above, the greater consideration it bestows upon the denominational schools. It proposes to make the adoption of the "conscience clause" the only requisite for entitling them to participate in the national rates, leaving religious instruction as an integral part of the ordinary course, to be taken advantage of or not, as the parents may choose to decide.

The Education bill which will pass into law will be a measure emanating from the Government and supported by the entire weight of its influence. That it will endeavor to hold the scales even between contending parties may be judged from a statement in the late speech of Mr. FORSTER, who is the highest authority in the English Cabinet on this subject: "I am certain that public opinion will not allow dogmatic difference to be an obstruction to a national system of education; I am quite sure that it will not allow the State itself to interfere, or empower others to interfere with the religious education of any individual; and I am also sure that the public opinion will not allow the State to prevent the teaching any more than the preaching of religion."

Justice in New-York.

The very interesting article which we published in our news columns yesterday in reference to the frequent escape of criminals of the very worst class, can only have the effect of still further proving to the public how insecure society is under our present system. The facts were related in a form which ought to stamp them in the memory of every reader. One man who stabbed another over a game at cards was allowed to get off with two years' imprisonment. Another ruffian, who shot a companion, was released on bail by Coroner KEENAN. Several others who had taken the lives of their fellow-creatures were either openly released, or permitted surreptitiously to escape. Seven murderers are kept "waiting for their trial,"—the longer the trial is postponed the better being their chance of ultimately avoiding the penalties of the law. REAL'S case is an example of the manner in which a convicted assassin may set at naught the sentence passed upon him. There was not the slightest extenuating circumstance in connection with REAL'S crime. He threatened to murder a man, and he did it. His victim knew of his intention, and tried to defeat it. REAL made several ineffectual attempts to kill SMEDICK, and for some of these attempts was arrested and put in confinement. But he had been a Deputy Sheriff, and his political influence saved him. He was released on bail, and lay in wait for poor SMEDICK until he could shoot him without being seen. His guilt was brought home to him, and although his trial was postponed for nine months, he was at last brought up and sentenced to death. Unusual precautions were adopted to prevent his rescue by a formidable band of ruffians who besieged the Court room. These confederates might have saved themselves their trouble. REAL is still able to laugh at the law. Sometimes, it is said, he is allowed to go at large. Whether that be so or not, he does not feel the slightest apprehension of any greater penalty overtaking him than that of spending a few months more in prison. The other Deputy Sheriff, THOMAS JACKSON, has not yet been put to the inconvenience of a trial.

We have been assured that "a corrupt judiciary" is not solely responsible for abuses of justice of which these cases are a type. Some Judges are honest men, and detest the degradation of their office which they sometimes see around them as much as we can do. In reply to these representations, we can only say that the upright Judges ought to assist the public in getting rid of a system which renders criminals and swindlers practically masters of the Bench. Such men ought to make common cause against their unprincipled colleagues. We are quite aware that there are some incorruptible Judges and Magistrates even in this City; we have constantly taken the opportunity to commend their decisions. But their existence does not prevent the defeat of law by the criminal classes. A man who has powerful friends interested in his behalf is taken before a Judge who is likely to prove compliant. Even the Coroners have the power, or assume it, to liberate a man caught in the very act of committing a murder. They release him on bail, in utter disregard of legal authority, and of course the criminal is not heard of again.

We have no doubt that the state of the law in regard to appeals has had much to do with the utter failure of justice in the City, alike in civil and criminal suits. It is possible to keep a case undecided for years together. Plaintiff or defendant may be subjected to great annoyance and expense through the dishonesty of the Judge, or merely through an adroit use of the machinery which the law has placed ready to the hands of all who choose to use it. In short, the system of administering justice is either bad or corrupt, and sometimes both, from beginning to end. It does not alter that fact to say that some Judges or Magistrates do not deserve the obloquy which the public casts upon them indiscriminately. In such a matter as this no outside observer can accurately measure out praise or blame between individuals. The upright Judge is generally held in honor, and he would receive still greater honor if he would seek to further the efforts that are occasionally made to rid the community of a vast and perilous scandal.

We want reform of the Bench, reform of the Bar—reform in every department connected with the dispensation of justice. At present we have more hope in the direction of the Bar than in any other. Some leading members have tried to induce their professional brethren to join in the good work. Of course a few men could not purify the Bar. So far we quite concur in the suggestions which have been made to us from various sources. If the greater portion of the profession stand aloof from the undertaking started this week, it must fail. Why should they stand aloof? The Committee, it is not too much to assume, will [illegible] to [illegible] their [illegible] labours. A "mass meeting" would have been simply impracticable, and for the sake no enterprise of this kind would ever be begun unless a beautiful of men consented to take the lead. A spontaneous movement on the part of a very large number is ready made. Let the Bar be true to itself and to the public and it would do more than almost any other power to remove that stigma from our law Courts which the money changers brought upon the Temple of old.

Accounts with the Government—Who is Responsible for Wrongdoing?

Judge BLATCHFORD's decision in the suit against Mr. VAN DYKE, the late Assistant Treasurer of the United States in this City which we publish this morning, is important to all who have public moneys to pay out. The plaintiff in the case was an Assistant Quartermaster in the army, to whom public money had been intrusted for the purpose of paying claims against the Government. The law directs every such officer to deposit the money in the Treasury of the United States or with some one of the Assistant Treasurers, and to check against such deposit. The plaintiff accordingly deposited the money intrusted to him with Mr. VAN DYKE, and drew against it in the manner prescribed. Part of the money was, however, paid out by Mr. VAN DYKE on forged checks. The plaintiff, on settling his account, made the forged checks good by paying the amount of them into the United States Treasury, and then sued Mr. VAN DYKE for the money. Judge BLATCHFORD holds that the suit cannot be sustained, because the money did not belong to the plaintiff, but was the property of the United States, and if Mr. VAN DYKE had done anything wrong in paying the forged checks, it was to the United States that he was responsible and not to the plaintiff, and that the plaintiff's responsibility for the money intrusted to him was discharged when he deposited it, as required by law, in the Sub-Treasury.

This decision may bear hard upon the plaintiff in the case, for he may find it difficult to get the money back which he has paid into the Treasury. But for that he has himself to blame. He should not have replaced it, but should have relied for his protection upon the fact that he had deposited it as required by law. But however hard it may bear upon him, it is clearly for the interest of all officers in the like situation that the law should be as the Court has decided it, and that in settling the accounts of Quartermasters and other disbursing officers, the deposit of the money by them in legal form should be held to discharge them of responsibility for its custody. We have known cases where Treasury officials undertook to carry out their own views of the law, even after the Courts had decided that those views were erroneous; but it is to be presumed that the law, as laid down in this case, will be followed by the accounting officers. There ought not to be any hesitation, unless there are facts which do not appear, in repaying to the plaintiff in this case the money which he has paid a second time. But red tape is proverbially difficult to get over, and the Government is proverbially hard to deal with, and we should advise the plaintiff not to be too sanguine of a favorable result.

Privilege finds convenient shelter in the Senate. The House lightly deemed the inevitable abuses of franking of greater account than its possible advantages, and decreed its abolition. But grave Senators set out on a hunt for excuses for continuing it, and continue it they will, probably, in one shape or another. And the perpetuation of the franking privilege implies the perpetuation of the monstrous follies and extravagances to which it has given rise.

The bill lately introduced into the Assembly for registering railroad and other corporate bonds is of public importance, and we hope Mr. KILHAM will secure its passage. But we think he must materially amend it, or the great corporations will combine and defeat it. Indeed, they would be neglectful of their rights and safety if they did not oppose the provisions requiring new bonds to be issued in the place of bonds lost, unless there shall be some adequate security given that the finder of the lost bond shall not make a claim. The registered holder, or his confederate, may find the lost bond. The registry may not be so filled out as to prevent any *bona fide* purchaser from the finder maintaining suit upon the lost bond. Mr. KILHAM had better drop the second section of his bill altogether, and demand a registry only, when nearly all danger from theft and loss will be removed, and he will be likely to succeed. He should not peril the whole by asking too much, and what is intrinsically unjust.

Missouri is preparing to cast off the fetters which the excitements, perhaps the exigencies of war fastened upon a large class of its citizens. One of the Committees of the State Senate has reported amendments to the local Constitution repealing all disfranchising provisions; and a Republican caucus is reported to have pronounced in favor of the enfranchisement of all now deprived of suffrage, white or black. These are timely and proper steps. Oaths and disabilities connected with the war, or proceeding from it, are now out of place everywhere. Missouri will be nearer absolute pacification when it sweeps them aside.

The glories of the Canadian Dominion have no attraction for the population of Newfoundland. The Lieutenant-Governor of the Island, derives his cue as well as his authority from Imperial power, the other day urged upon the local Legislature the adoption of measures leading to confederation. But the legislators were moderate and defiant. By a decisive vote they declared their want of confidence in the advisers of His Excellency, and requested him to call to his councils opponents of the confederation policy. Now let Congress hearken to the prayer of the islanders and admit their fish duty free.

The suggestions made in some quarters that the Bar Association is intended to be a "close corporation" for the benefit of certain members of the Bar, we have reason to believe are totally without foundation. It is neither exclusive nor selfish in spirit or aim, and will be open on equal and just conditions for all members of the Bar. If any one shall fail of admission, we understand it will be for reasons which the rejected applicants will be more [illegible] than any standing of the Association. The [illegible] was generated on the basis of those who had signed the call, because it took too much time and trouble to procure the signature of more. But this is to be hoped, and is expected, that every member of the Bar who feels an interest in the good repute of the profession, and is willing to make some sacrifice for the public good, will be able to become a member of the Association. If he shall not, it will not be the fault of the Association that makes his admission impossible.

Prince ARTHUR bids farewell to New-York to-day, and if he is not utterly worn out he may thank his youth and a good constitution for it. We do not see that anybody could have got much more out of his time, unless some arrangement had been made for enabling him to do without food and sleep altogether. The Prince has enjoyed himself very much, and has happily escaped all official "demonstrations." He has been entirely in the hands of private persons, and they have treated him with that hospitality for which New-York is famous all the world over. He has eaten some good dinners, and had his full share of dancing—winning golden opinions from the fair sex for his performances in the latter field of human exertion. At one ball he voluntarily stopped till past three in the morning, and was evidently as much pleased with his partners as they were with him. His conversation is said to be vivacious and intelligent, he has an aplomb far beyond his years, and he is as modest as a lad during his first term at school. Such is the general testimony, and the Prince has fairly won it. Modest and intelligent Princes are not so common as to fail to be appreciated when they do make their appearance.

We have received several liberal subscriptions for the relief of the wife and six young children of the poor man TOWNSEND, who was so cruelly murdered last Saturday night. A lady who sends $50, accompanies the gift with a very kind letter, and supplies in her own case an example of a truth which we have often had occasion to prove—that there are always numbers of truly benevolent persons ready to assist any case of real distress. Surely the condition of this bereaved family is sufficiently deplorable to move the hardest heart. They have been deprived of all means of support in the most shocking manner, and must now be thrown upon the world quite helpless if they do not meet with some assistance from the public. We again solicit for them the help of those who are desirous of giving something, no matter how little, in a work of true charity. The money shall be put to a good purpose, and an account of it rendered to the subscribers.

Judged by the statistics of the savings banks, the progress of the industrial and agricultural classes of California must be very satisfactory. In San Francisco there has been incorporated in the course of thirteen years eleven of these institutions. From the returns of eight of them collected by the *Bulletin*, we find an aggregate of depositors numbering 36,823, of deposits $26,624,822, on which a total dividend ranging from nine and three-quarters to thirteen per cent. has been paid during the half year of $1,221,666. These figures show a steady increase of deposits extending over four years amounting to $19,029,461. In the interior the rate of progress has been no less rapid. Three years ago there was no savings bank in the State out of San Francisco. Now there are eight in active and successful operation, in which the number of depositors has increased in two years from 800 to 6,300, and the sum of deposits from $200,000 to $2,250,000, showing a present average of $430 to each depositor.

The cable furnishes a reference to an article in the London *Times* on a subject of vital importance to British industry—the depression of the cotton trade. The relative superiority of American manufactures is admitted, and the lack of intelligence in the British artisan is alluded to as one of the causes. The fact has long been apparent that England is losing ground in the industrial competition of the world, and her new-found ardor on the subject of primary education will scarcely enable her to make up for it, during this generation at least. The artisans of the Continent of Europe and those of our own country are capable of receiving that technical instruction whose results are visible in the improved character of their work, because they have had the rudimentary training on which alone it can be based.

When THACKERAY employed his caustic ingenuity in inventing genteel professions for needy gentlemen, he failed to hit upon a somewhat remarkable line of business which appears to be monopolized by an enterprising Philadelphian. This is nothing less than the obtaining for gentlemen desirous of the honor, and willing to pay a trifling sum to the promoter, the various University degrees, without the necessity of the usual tedious preliminaries. The "Agency" seems specially designed for the benefit of medical men, and more than one ignorant pretender is known to have embarked on a career disastrous to humanity, armed with one of these fraudulently obtained diplomas. It is satisfactory to be informed that one of the self-constituted M. D.'s is at present in custody, and that the inquiry into his case will probably reveal the *modus operandi* of the obliging dispenser of degrees.

The Turanians have been lately showing their willingness to join the march of the Aryan family. A recent *Levant Herald* speaks of a Ramazan course of lectures at the Darul Funoon, or University of Constantinople, at which AZIZ EFFENDI, medical professor, lectured on chemistry and climate; WAHBI EFFENDI, on the relation of cemeteries to public health; SELIM EFFENDI, on the planets, and MOUSIF EFFENDI, President of the Council of Public Instruction, on the industrial progress of the Turks. MOUSIF conducts a magazine, in which lately appeared a very creditable paper on the use of paper money among the Moslem nations—an article which probably could interest some of our own Aryans. The Turks, like all Orientals, are fond of literature, and their rulers seem now disposed to get them out of their long lethargy in order to compete, as far as they may, with the intellectual movement of the Giaours.

When a man is pulled out of a "railway disaster" with a number of bruises or the loss of a limb, one would wish that he had gone through the worst. But very often the worst is to come, damaging him still more than the original catastrophe. We see in a report of Mr. MANGHAM's case against the Brooklyn City Railroad, that, having lost a leg by being run over, he has been wrestling for compensation since 1866. Without entering into the merits of this case, we think that, as a general thing, the injured should not be obliged to engage lawyers at all; but that a system of arbitration should be recognized, under which the friends of the sufferer, and of the company, may meet and arrange matters equitably. At present, both parties will give each other no quarter. The lawyers turn the [illegible] into a game and a lottery, which may be very pleasant [illegible] but [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] to

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From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Friday, Feb. 4, 1870.

Most of the members have waded through the new Charter, which the New-York papers were kind enough to furnish them in advance of the State Printer, and the general sentiment is decidedly unfavorable to the hunting which has cost the King so many sleepless hours. It is certain that the Charter can never pass either House in its present shape, and it would seem to be equally certain that no amendments which its authors would consent to make would render it any more acceptable to those who oppose it in its present form. The New-York delegation, or at least a majority of them, oppose it for various reasons—first, because it makes the Board of Aldermen elective on a general ticket and reduces the number of members; second, because it makes the Recorder and City Judge Police Commissioners; third, because it gives the Mayor too much power over the management of the Police and over all other departments; and, finally, because it is calculated and designed, as they say, to concentrate the whole Municipal Government in the hands of a few men, and fails to give to the people the "self-government" which they have been so often promised as the result of Democratic ascendency in the Legislature. The real root of the opposition to the Charter lies in the fact that it would lessen the power of the small ward politicians and diminish their chances of getting a share in the spoils. The Democratic members from the country have not shown their hand on the Charter yet, but it is rumored that Governor SEYMOUR, PARKER and others of the rural leaders are not very well satisfied that they were not consulted in any way with regard to the provisions of a Charter which is expected to pass the Legislature, if it passes at all, mainly by the votes of country members. The Republicans take very little interest in it one way or the other, but are contented to look on and see the Democracy quarrel over the new Charter, being satisfied that they will not be able to agree on anything that will be more satisfactory to them or to the people than the Commissions they are so anxious to get rid of. If they stand together, and vote in a body against any Charter that may come up, the chances now are that no change whatever will be made in the City Government, owing to divisions among their opponents, but the general sentiment among Republicans is, that it would be better policy to aid them in making the worst Charter possible so that the people may sooner get disgusted with their rule.

THE QUARREL WITH THE GOVERNOR.

What with their quarrels over the new Charter and their fight with the Governor the Democrats of this Legislature are getting in a very bad way; in fact their conduct is rapidly becoming a public as well as a party scandal. The trouble with the Governor, like all the rest of their troubles, grows out of the disgraceful scramble for the petty spoils of office. Governor HOFFMAN, after having yielded one after another pretty much all of his own candidates for place, has finally put his foot down and peremptorily refuses to be driven any further. He insists that McCOMBS, who is said to be a respectable citizen of Troy, shall be confirmed as Capital Commissioner, or there shall be no more cakes and ale for the hungry Senators—in other words, the Harbor Masterships and Fort Wardenships should remain where they are, in the hands of the Republicans. There is no telling how the fight will end, but the Governor has gone to New-York this afternoon to take counsel with his friends, and escape the importunities of office-seekers. The man whom the Democratic Senators put forward in lieu of COMBS is said to be JOHN MONTGOMERY's candidate, which perhaps accounts for the unusual pluck displayed by the Governor in this particular nomination.

A HIT AT THE "REFORM" BUSINESS.

Senator WOOD offered a resolution, which gave rise to some debate, calling upon the County Clerks throughout the State to report to the Legislature the number of cases referred to referees since January, 1868, on which judgments were entered up, together with the amounts of said judgments and the sums paid said referees. The mover of the resolution said that this business of referring cases to referees was getting to be a serious evil, largely increasing the expense of litigants and giving rise to favoritism, and sometimes to alleged corruption on the part of Judges. If there were not enough Courts in the State to do the business coming before them they should be increased, but their business should not be transferred to personal favorites of the Judges, who it was charged frequently shared in the profits of their appointees. Mr. CREAMER opposed the bill so far as relates to the details of this information, for the reason that the County Clerk of New-York could not make the report without a large increase of his clerical force. He said he had heard no complaints about the workings of the present system, which is pretty good evidence that he has not a very large acquaintance among lawyers or litigants. Mr. WOODIN thought the amounts of the judgments and the amounts paid the referees might be omitted from the report. The resolution was finally referred to the Judiciary Committee.

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. JACOBS, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, introduced the annual Appropriation bill, which was made the special order for Tuesday morning next. The total sum appropriated to defray the expenses of the State Government, which is to be raised by tax, is about $1,800,000, a reduction of $200,000 from the Comptroller's estimate, and about $100,000 less than last year's appropriation. The bill fixes the salaries of the Judges of the Court of Appeals and "Commissioners" of the same Court at $6,000 each. Their salaries were formerly $8,500, but the Judiciary article of the Constitution provided for an increase, and left it to the Legislature to fix the amount. The salaries of Judges of the Supreme Court were fixed by the article itself at $5,000. The appropriation for salaries of State officers is the same as last year; also for the Legislature; also for the Insurance Department. An effort was made to get an increase for the latter Department, the expenses of which are paid by the insurance companies, but this did not prevail.

THE NEW COURT HOUSE BILL.

Mr. KIRKLAND's bill to erect a new Court House in the Twenty-first Ward came up for a third reading to-day, and was lost by yeas 36, nays 66. Among the Democrats who voted against it were, the Speaker, Messrs. JACOBS, O'BRIEN, LAWRENCE, BAMLER and many others. ALVORD, of Syracuse, and GRAHAM, of Rochester, were the only Republicans who voted for it. Mr. KIRKLAND, the author of the bill, voted with the majority in order to get a reconsideration, which he moved on the announcement of the vote, and the bill was laid on the table. There is little prospect that it will be called up again until the time for reading and "log rolling" arrives.

STATE AID TO RAILROADS.

Mr. ALLEYNE to-day introduced the old State Aid Railroad bill of last year, which proposes to give all railroads now constructing in the State $4,000 per mile for every mile completed within the next two years, provided the number of miles built shall not fall short of ten. The bill did not reach the Governor's hands last year, but the reasons given by him for vetoing special bills of a like character would apply with equal force to a general bill.

INVESTIGATING INSURANCE COMPANIES.

The Insurance Committee, DENNIS BURNS, Chairman, will meet at Corporation Attorney FIELDS' office in New-York to-morrow, to investigate the affairs of life insurance companies, pursuant to a resolution offered by Mr. FIELDS, directing the Committee to inquire whether any legislation was needed to protect the interests of policy holders in these companies. S.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Friday, Feb. 4.

Mr. MURPHY reported the bill to regulate proceedings against corporations, by injunctions or otherwise.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. CREAMER, for Mr. TWEED—Altering the map or plan of the City of New-York; also, authorizing the Board of Supervisors of New-York to establish the boundary lines of the Twenty-first Ward and Fifteen Wards.

THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The annual report of the managers of the State Lunatic Asylum was received.

On motion of Mr. TWEED, the Senate agreed to adjourn to-day till Monday evening, at five o'clock.

The Senate then adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

The House concurred in the Senate resolution to elect the Regent of the University and Metropolitan Police Commissioner Feb. 10.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. JACOBS—The annual Appropriation bill; and he moved to make it the special order for next Tuesday morning. Agreed to.

By Mr. BROWN—To preserve shad fish in Suffolk, L. I.

By Mr. [illegible]—For a further district in the City of New-York; also, relative to assessments in New-York; also, to amend the act creating a police in Utica.

By Mr. M. O. MURPHY—For the better protection of sellers of beer in New-York.

By Mr. MOSELEY—Authorizing the Executive Committee of Council to improve certain streets running to the Gowanus Canal.

By Mr. [illegible]—Relative to the New-York and Brooklyn ferries.

UNCLAIMED DEPOSITS IN SAVING BANKS.

Mr. HATHAWAY reported the resolution requiring savings banks to report within twenty days the amount of unclaimed deposits on hand.

Mr. LITTLEJOHN moved to add "and whether any part of such deposits have been transferred to any other fund." Agreed to.

Mr. FLOGG moved to add "and whether the banks have complied with the law by advertising such deposits." Agreed to, and the resolution was then adopted.

THE ADDITIONAL POLICE COURT IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

The bill providing for the creation of an additional Police Court in New-York was taken up.

Mr. WHITE claimed that this bill was dead by the Clerk was instructed to enter it on the third reading, as there was no provision in it limiting the cost of the building.

The Chair ruled that by the Constitution the vote must now be taken without debate.

The vote was taken and the bill was lost—35 to 60.

Mr. KIERNAN moved a reconsideration, and that the motion lie on the table. Carried.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. CAMPBELL—Creating the New-York Real Estate Exchange; also concerning gamblers in the City of New-York.

By Mr. BROWN—Regulating the fees on the New-York and New-Haven Railroad.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. MURPHY, by consent, reported the Militia Enrolling and Code bill.

The annual report of the Cooper Union of New-York was received.

Mr. WHITE moved that when the House adjourn to-day it adjourn till Monday evening. Carried—60 to 50.

On motion of Mr. SNOW, it was ordered that sessions be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to consider bills on general orders.

Adjourned till Monday evening at five o'clock.

THE NEWARK FRAUDS.

Further Particulars—Disappearance of the Guilty Parties.

The announcement, published in these columns yesterday, that the City Treasury of Newark had been defrauded of large amounts of money by a clerk in the City Hall, created a widespread excitement throughout the city. At an early hour the City Hall was thronged with persons eager to hear the truth of the report and the names of the guilty parties. All questions were met with evasive answers, or with positive denials of the truth of the statements published by us. Later in the day the local papers published denials of the story, and a card appeared in one paper signed by the City Treasurer, Mr. J. W. STORY, stating that no fraud had been attempted upon him, and that no money had been paid to any unauthorized person." This card was supposed by many to set the matter at rest, and there are sufficient reasons for asserting that the account published yesterday was substantially correct.

On Thursday afternoon HENRY WEST, a young man residing at No. 139 Walnut-street, Newark, and employed in learning the art of telegraphing in the office of the Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph Company in Jersey City, entered the office in a state of great excitement, and informing the chief operator that he had "got himself into a scrape" in Newark, asked advice of the latter. He then stated that he had been sent for in the forenoon by DAVID B. COLLINS, the City Auditor, to Newark, who was a friend of his, and that the latter had collected his aid in a very important matter. COLLINS informed him that he had for some time past been robbing the City Treasury of large amounts of money, and that he must soon be detected. He then proposed to WEST that the latter should present a City warrant for $20,000 at the office of the Treasurer and draw the cash for him. WEST consented, supposing, as he stated, that the warrant was genuine, as it bore the proper signatures. Upon presenting the warrant to the clerk, Mr. HARTSHORN counted out a part of the money, and said: "I have only $18,000 in small bills, and I will have the rest." WEST stated that he had agreed to meet COLLINS in a billiard saloon, and that they played two or three games, upon the conclusion of which COLLINS told him he had better go again for the money. Before doing so, WEST examined the paper more closely, and found that it was payable to the order of Messrs. HEATH & BAKER. He then declined to have anything more to do with it, and went away. At Jersey City he related his story in the most straightforward manner and with the greatest anxiety to learn what he could do to clear himself from suspicion. These facts were communicated during the evening to Mr. CHAS. MATSON, the well-known detective of the New-Jersey Railroad, stationed at Jersey City, who immediately went to Newark and gave such information as would lead to the discovery of the fraud. If, as it was supposed, the young man had told a truthful story, Yesterday forenoon, WEST came again to the telegraph office in Jersey City and stated to his employer that he had been before a Newark Magistrate, Mr. JOHN WHITEHEAD, and had made an affidavit to the facts above stated. Later in the day WEST left the office to return home, but he has not since been seen. Our reporter accompanied Chief of Police CLARK to the house of WEST's parents at a late hour last evening, but no information had been obtained of his whereabouts. The whereabouts of COLLINS were also unknown. Since Thursday afternoon he had not been at his desk in the City Hall, at his home, or at his customary resorts.

Although no information could be obtained of Mr. WHITEHEAD concerning WEST's examination before him, a gentleman who was present in the office during the forenoon stated that the examination had taken place, and that the frauds were sworn to.

Narrow Escape of the Crosby Opera House.

From the Chicago Tribune, Feb. 2.

Crosby's Opera House, the pride and glory of Chicago, met with a narrow escape from destruction by fire last night. At one time it seemed as if it were really doomed; but, through the energy and prompt action of our noble Fire Brigade, the noble edifice was finally saved to the city. It can scarcely pass through another such ordeal and remain intact. It is reported that nearly two hours before the flames were observed it was apparent to occupants of the building that something in the vicinity was on fire, and a search was instituted, but no result attained. It was not until half past 6 o'clock that the location of the fire was discovered. The curtain had just risen on the transformation scene, and the attention of all in the auditorium was concentrated upon the glittering spectacle, when some idiot raised the cry of "Fire!" In an instant there was a rapid rush towards the places of egress. Consternation was depicted plainly upon the countenance of nearly every one. A few, however, retained their presence of mind, and in stentorian tones, exhorted the frightened people to pass out quietly, as there was no danger. The same assurance was given from the stage. Almost instantaneously with the alarm, the State-street doors were thrown open, and the audience, to some extent quieted by the assurance of safety, passed out in that direction. Only about 400 or 500 people in the house, and it was cleared in a few minutes. Had there been a crowded attendance, there would probably have resulted a fearful loss of life and limb.

The loss sustained by the fire, although the building was but slightly damaged, will probably not fall short of $7,000 or $8,000. Mr. St. JOHN, in whose studio the fire originated, loses $2,000 or $3,000 in paintings and fixtures. She is insured for $2,000; $2,000 in the Teutonia and $1,000 in the Hide and Leather Company of Boston. The pictures in the Art Gallery were damaged somewhat, and the loss is estimated at $1,000. It may be much more. The building was damaged to the extent of $1,000. The fire is believed to have originated from a stove.

Louisiana State Warrants not Receivable for Taxes.

From the New-Orleans Picayune, Feb. 1.

Judge LEAUMONT, of the Fifth District Court, decided Monday morning that the Legislature could not order the collection of the State taxes and revenue in any other currency than the lawful currency of the United States, and issued an order, directed to the proper officers, directing them hereafter to see that the taxes and revenues are so collected.

The judgment was rendered in the suit of Judge TRAPP, of the Third Judicial Court, in which he asked that one-sixth of the revenues be collected in United States currency. The State warrants at the constitutional officers of the State, Judge LEAUMONT not only decides that one-sixth shall be so collected, but that the whole of the revenue shall be collected in United States currency.

THE FINANCES.

Sending Our Gold to a Bankrupt Region—Bankers Alarmed from a Liverpool Understanding.

To the Editors of The New-York Times:

The telegraphic intimation that a Bill has been prepared with the object of carrying out Mr. BOUTWELL's views on the subject of redeeming the interest in the public debt. This is a matter of such great importance that I venture to appeal to your courtesy to again grant me some space in your columns for a few remarks touching upon it. The reduction of the interest on a public debt is an attractive subject to a Chancellor of the Exchequer, and not the least of which it has a very seductive sound to the public ear. But it is most unwise to attempt it prematurely. Every reduction in the rate of interest is effected at some sacrifice of the power of future reduction, and the skill of the financier is shown in choosing the right moment and the best means for accomplishing his purpose.

Had the United States during the dark days of the war, instead of issuing five-twenties at fifty cents, gold, for the dollar, increased the rate of interest to eight and ten per cent, a reduction in the rate of interest might unquestionably be now effected; but the question is whether any reduction below six per cent can yet be advantageously made. In solving this question we have something to guide us, for I see by the London Times that this very week Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co. are inviting tenders at 97 per cent, for some five per cent bonds of the City of Boston, principal and interest payable by them in London in gold. At the price of 97 the investment pays interest half-yearly at the rate of five and three-quarters per cent per annum, and a bonus on the repayment of the principal, thirty years hence, at the rate of seventeen per cent. Now the credit of the United States has never stood quite as high at that of the City of Boston, either at home or abroad, and certainly no house understands European money markets and their appreciation of American securities better than Messrs. BARING; hence we cannot feel safe that any attempt to place United States bonds in Europe to pay less interest than six per cent, will be for the present futile.

But if bonds bearing four and a half per cent interest are now tested at a discount, the power of reducing the interest hereafter is lost, and supposing the four and a half per cent bonds to rise to par, the whole of the discount which might have been saved for the benefit of the public is gone. If the people of the United States will only patiently wait until ten-forties are at par, which will probably be within a year or two, (the latest quotations in New-York and London are equivalent to about 8 cents gold on dividend,) then by issuing ten-forties and redeeming five-twenties a saving to the country can be made of one-sixth of the entire interest on the five-twenties, and anything that is done before the ten-forties reach par will be done at the sacrifice of a portion of that profit which the Secretary of the Treasury ought to regard as a sacred duty to save for the people.

The payment of dividends in foreign capitals appears to me an objectionable feature in Mr. BOUTWELL's scheme. Many objections are obvious, but I should like to ask you, whether you would think that the adoption of such a course will facilitate frauds? When all the dividends are paid in the United States, will it not be more difficult to pass fictitious coupons, and will they not be more readily detected? But a portion of the scheme still more to be deprecated is the proposed change in the form of the debt. Five-twenties are a popular security, but not yet very little known in Europe. The bonds, principally held there, are known to only a small portion. In November of last year, one of the London stockbrokers, who does a leading business in American stocks issued a circular not in any way to recommend the United States Government securities. No! That might have a contrary effect. It was a circular of prudence among the cautious capitalists of Lombard-street; but simply to explain what ten-forties and five-twenties were, and a few facts concerning them. The very next month the report of the Secretary of the Treasury was issued, with a recommendation to substitute three new stocks in the place of the five-twenties. Now, if such a stock is provided the security is the same, the better and more valuable it is, because it has a wider market, it is held by more people and is more readily convertible. The six-forty bond is a security well adapted to the European market, and it is now beginning to be known, while Mr. BOUTWELL's new issues would be entirely unknown, and would excite that distrust which novelties in the money market always call forth. Your capitalist is conservative and resents everything that savors of change.

At some future time a stock bearing a less interest than five per cent, will be required, and why should it not be four per cent, not four and a half? A perpetual four per cent stock will be the form in demand for European markets, and, therefore, the one in which American can borrow on the best terms. English Consols and French Rentes are both perpetual annuities; it is a simple form, well understood by all investors.

MERCATOR.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1870.

How a Richmond Young Lady Made Coffee.

From the Richmond Inquirer, Feb. 1.

A young lady of our acquaintance took it into her head the other day that she was a fine cook—and particularly apt at making coffee; and she boasted of her accomplishments so far that she presently invited some of her beaux to come and spend the evening. She got out her French coffee pot, and her gas stove, and her little tea kettle, and soon the kitchen was in full blast. The first point was to boil some water. After the lapse of half an hour, it was suggested that the water must be boiling. "No," she said, "don't you see the smoke issuing from the spout of the kettle; you must understand that the water is never boiling well until the vapor ceases to issue from the spout of the kettle. When that stops we will make the coffee." So the kettle went on singing and simmering, and presently the spout dropped off.

One of the gentlemen grew impatient, and said he knew that water had boiled. So it was agreed that he should pour it on the coffee through the perforated holes which had been communicated with the departed spout. He lifted the vessel, and kept tilting it further and further, but no water would come out of the kettle. In astonishment he set the vessel on the floor, and lifted the top, when he discovered that every drop of the water had boiled away! Of course, there was no coffee.

Sudden Death of Captain Cordell, of the Coast Survey.

From the San Francisco Alta, Jan. 28.

About 7:30 o'clock last evening, as Captain EDWARD CORDELL, of the United States Coast Survey, was walking down Pine-street from Kearny, he suddenly fell down on the sidewalk, striking upon his face and receiving a cut over the left eye. Two citizens, who were coming along at the time, picked him up. Sergeant SHERIDAN, who happened to pass in a carriage, had his attention attracted by the crowd gathering, and seeing the condition of the man, had him conveyed to TOTHILL's drug store. Medical assistance was sent for, but before any arrived he was dead. From his appearance it is supposed he died from congestion of the brain.

Captain CORDELL was a single man, 48 years of age, and a native of Baden, Germany. During the late war he was engaged in the Coast Survey in the East. He has been on this coast about five years, during which time he has been constantly in the Survey Department. Two years since he was detailed for duty on the revenue cutter Lincoln, from which he was transferred, we believe, to the Active. He has some relatives residing in this city, and was of a jovial and amiable disposition. The Coroner, being notified, had the remains conveyed to his office, where a post-mortem examination will be held.

VERY COMMON.—"Would this be premature my gratitude in the world?" Instinct written by a lady on the scroll of the Cedar Rapids Association yesterday, after having her cloth extracted.—Advertisement.

The GENUINE TEXAS LONE'S EXTRACT OF MEAT is the best and cheapest. A GIANNI, No. 104 William-st., Sole agent.—Advertisement.

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THE NEW-YORK TIMES.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

In the TIMES of To-morrow, Sunday, Feb. 6, will be given a readable story, and a variety of good selections from home and foreign magazines, literary journals and new books; several long articles specially prepared for the Sunday paper; interesting letters from some of our own correspondents; financial news and gossip; communications on various topics of interest, &c., &c., &c.

Prominent among the articles will be one about THE TWENTY-SEVEN OF AMERICA; containing an interesting description of the German gymnastic schools of this City; presenting about musical and martial training, and how they are accomplished; valuable statistics of the various associations, &c., and one on THE TRIALS OF THE WORKINGWOMEN OF NEW-YORK, showing the efforts of unemployed to relieve their woes, and to furnish them with choice and protection; and giving a complete sketch of the Workingwomen's Union, its origin and continuance, and the brethren who have sought its generous aid.

A second communication on the BLACKMAILING OF INSURANCE COMPANIES, detailing other frauds, will also be given.

Add to attractions all the news of the day received up to 3 o'clock in the morning from our own reporters, and by telegraph, cable, and the domestic and foreign mails.

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MARRIED.

BELKNAP—REMSEN.—On Thursday, Feb. 3, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. ELE. Hutton, D. D., ROBT. LENOX BELKNAP to MARY PHOEBE, youngest daughter of Henry R. Remsen, Esq.

DIED.

BINNS.—On Thursday, Feb. 3, after a severe illness, WILLIAM BINNS, in the 56th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from the late residence, No. 139 East Broadway, on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 2 o'clock.

CARRINGTON.—At Hartford, Conn., on Thursday, Feb. 3, WILLIAM C. CARRINGTON, of Bethel, Fairfield Co., in the 84 year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from the late residence, No. 139 East Broadway, on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 2 o'clock.

LOUNSBURY.—At Bridgeport, Conn., on Thursday, Feb. 3, GEORGE LOUNSBURY, in the 84 year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the late residence, on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 1 o'clock. Carriages will be in readiness at Bridgeport on the arrival of the 8 A. M. train from New-York.

MADDOX.—In Brooklyn, E. D., on Friday, Feb. 4, 1870, SARAH T. MADDOX, the beloved wife of Hon. Samuel S. Maddox, aged 40 years and 9 months.

The friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 70 Willoughby-st., on Sunday, Feb. 6, at half-past 2 P. M.

NEVERSON.—In this City, on Friday afternoon, Feb. 4, after a lingering illness, CHRISTINA, aged 20 years, 8 months, and 8 days, daughter of the late Daniel S. Neverson, in the 24th year of her age.

The friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral at Calvary Church, on Monday, 7th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

SELIGMAN.—On Friday, Feb. 4, FLORIE, daughter of Jesse and Henrietta Seligman, aged 4 years and 1 month.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, 1,174 Fifth-ave., on Sunday morning, Feb. 6, at 10 o'clock.

SMITH.—At Tarrytown, N. Y., on Thursday, Feb. 3, HENRIETTA W., daughter of the late Samuel Merrall Smith.

Funeral from Irvington, at 1 P. M., on Saturday, the 5th inst.

SPELLENEWEY.—At Inwood, L. I., JANE TRAVIS, wife of A. R. Spellenewey, aged 35 years.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at St. Mark's Church, Islip, at 12 M. Cars leave Roosevelt-st. Ferry, New-York, at 6 A. M., returning at 2 P. M.

TRACY.—At Honesdale, Penn., on Thursday, Feb. 3, 1870, JOHN M., son of the late M. C. Tracy, of Troy, N. Y., aged 14 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his grandfather, Robt. Dunlap, No. 6 Charlton-st., on Sunday morning, Feb. 6, at 11 o'clock P. M.

WALDRON.—At Mount Hope Farm, Scotland Corning, N. Y., on Saturday, Jan. 29, MARIA WALDRON, aged 72 years.

WILLIAMS.—At Bayswater, L. I., on Friday evening, Feb. 4, MARGARET, wife of John H. Williams, in the 37th year of her age.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

WILMERDING.—On Thursday, Feb. 3, at his residence, No. 5 West 31st-st., HENRY A. WILMERDING, in the 66th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the Christ Church, corner 5th-av. and 35th-st., on Monday morning, 7th inst., at 10 o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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In consequence of A CHANGE IN OUR FIRM and Removal in April to No. 691 Broadway, our entire stock of $500,000 worth of CHINA, GLASS, SILVER and PLATED WARE, CHANDELIERS, GAS FIXTURES, CLOCKS, BRONZES, CUTLERY, &c., WILL BE DISPOSED OF, And we offer it at and BELOW COST.

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Auction Sales Yesterday.

NEW-YORK.

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Elm-st. and Catharine-lane, s. w. cor. thereof, 22x44x27.2x41.3 ..... nom.

Lewis and Stanton sts., s. w. corner, 62x100, h. and l. 70,000

Mulberry-st., w. s., 114 ft. n. of Prince-st., 21x92.8 22,000

North-st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of Greenwich-st., 25x100, h. and l. ..... nom.

Norfolk-st., s. s., 100 ft. n. of Stanton-st., 25x100, h. and l. ..... nom.

Pike and Henry sts., s. w. corner, irregular, 40x95 8,000

11th-st., s. s., 225 ft. w. of 5th-av., 25x92 2,400

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24th-st., s. s., 125 ft. e. of 9th-av., 25x98.9 6,000

30th-st., n. s., 300 ft. w. of 10th-av., 50x98.9, 4 lots, h. and l. 60,000

36th-st., s. s., 2 infinitesimals, Bat's property, 50x100 ..... nom.

West 126-st., n. s., No. 152 ..... nom.

38th-st., n. s., 325 ft. e. of 11th-av., 25x98.9 1,700

38th-st., n. s., 350 ft. e. of 11th-av., 25x98.9 1,700

38th-st., n. s., 375 ft. e. of 11th-av., 25x98.9 1,700

38th-st., n. s., 125 ft. e. of 11th-av., 25x98.9 2,000

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60th-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of Lexington-av., 25x102 6,000

60th-st., n. s., 125 ft. w. of 3d-av., 25x100.5 4,000

61st-st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of 3d-av., 25x100.5 4,000

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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

Professor NOYES began a course of lectures before the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday evening. The subjects of the course are "Sight and Hearing," and his lecture contained himself last evening with a general description of the nervous system and an anatomical description of the eye. Diagrams and pasted innumerable, with the aid of a magic lantern, served to explain the different points of the lecturer's argument. The course cannot but prove an exceedingly profitable and interesting one.

At the Reformed Dutch Church, corner of Bedford and Carmine streets, next Tuesday evening, Rev. Dr. DOWLING will lecture on "Marriage and Matrimony," in behalf of the Sabbath School of the Church. A likeness of Dr. Dowling will be presented to each lady present who has seen married by him. He has married 4,000 couples.

At sunrise yesterday morning, the mercury in the thermometer stood at nineteen degrees above zero (Fahrenheit) at 9 o'clock in the afternoon twenty-six degrees; at 11 in the evening, twenty-three degrees. Owing to the piercing wind, which blew all day, much more intensity was felt than on that day last year on any previous day during the winter. On Dec. 7, at 6:30 A. M., the mercury stood lower, or at sixteen degrees; at 3 P. M., twenty-seven degrees; at 11 P. M., twenty-one degrees. We have had the mildest January this year ever experienced in the latitude for over twenty-five years.

The members of the Isaac Lodge No. 486, held their annual ball last evening at Apollo Hall, corner of Broadway and Twenty-eighth street. An interesting feature in the affair was the presence of about forty Knights of the St. John's Commandery Masons of Philadelphia who served as the guests of Ivanhoe Commandery in New-York. They were attended in full regalia, and the entirest Commander of the Philadelphia body was presented with an honorary membership of the Isaac Lodge with appropriate knightly ceremonies. Mr. GILBERT R. GARDNER was floor manager on the occasion, and under his superintendence the ball passed off with satisfaction to all parties.

The annual ball of the Copernicus Lodge took place last evening at Irving Hall, and was one of the most successful of the season. The hall was tastefully decorated, and the arrangements were conducted on a scale of completeness not equalled on former occasions. Dancing was kept up with spirit during the entire night.

The Broadway Tabernacle Church, corner Thirty-fourth street, Rev. JOSEPH P. THOMPSON, D.D., LL.D., Pastor, desiring to offer every facility to those who have no church connection, especially to strangers in this City, who are detained from church by inability to pay for sittings, have, by a vote of the pew holders, decided to make all the sittings in their Church free at the Sunday evening services. In the morning at 10:30, strangers will be seated by the ushers; and sittings in the galleries, some of them the most eligible in the house, are always free.

A fresh charge was made against HORACE F. CLARK, proprietor of a wholesale liquor store in Dey-street, by Deputy-Collector CLIFFORD THOMSON. The accused is arrested for having, as is alleged, opened barrels of liquor which had been branded by the Government for the purpose of mixing it with an inferior quality. He was allowed to go in $500 bail, after paying the Commissioner's fees.

Professor ADOLPHUS ROHDE will lecture on "The World Before the Deluge," giving a series of 100 pictorial illustrations, at the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, next Tuesday evening.

The wife and sister of the letter carrier named STONEBRIDGE, who is charged with embezzling letters, made a warm appeal in behalf of the accused at the District-Attorney's office yesterday. They asked that he be released from his bail-bond of $5,000 bail, but the Government officers were not disposed to be lenient. It is said that the accused is likely to receive ten years' imprisonment in case he is convicted.

General VIELE desires it to be stated that he was not at the Charity Ball on the 3d inst., and that the mention of his name in the connection in which it was given in our report was an error.

Mrs. L. C. HOLLOWAY will repeat her lecture on "Charlotte Bronte," next Friday evening, at Cooper Institute, for the benefit of the Ocean Home. At the previous delivery of this lecture in January, the fair lecturer achieved a brilliant success.

At a meeting of the German Legal Aid Society, held at No. 10 Stanton-street, last night, a report was made by Mr. S. HERZBERG, the President of the Society, showing that six additional attorneys have tendered their services to the Society, free of charge. They now number eighteen, and since the last meeting of the Society, held on the 18th ult., applications in twenty-three law cases were made to the Society.

MOORE T. MASON, residing at New-Lebanon, N. Y., was committed to await the action of the Grand Jury in the United States Marshal's Office, yesterday, on a charge of attempting to obtain money from the Albany Post Office by means of perjury. The accused endeavored to prove an *alibi*.

Last evening Detective STRINGER, of the Central Police, arrested JOHN C. L. ALLEMARCH, a German, 28 years of age, upon a complaint made by RICHARD LEGRES, of No. 40 West Fourth street, of grand larceny. The prisoner will be arraigned at the Tombs this morning.

Yesterday morning a fire was discovered in a quantity of straw and rags piled up on the rear stoop of No. 6 Crosby-street, but was extinguished without any damage being done. It was supposed to be of incendiary origin, but no arrest was made.

A fire occurred yesterday morning in the kitchen of No. 62 Essex-street, occupied by FREDERICK SCHELLER. The damage of $200 is fully covered by insurance.

JAMES REVINGTON, *alias* Peter Livingston, and JOHN JAMESON, were arraigned yesterday at the Jefferson Market Police Court, before Judge SCOTT, charged with breaking into the premises of GEORGE H. MORRISON, No. 23 East-Fifteenth-street, and stealing a large quantity of property estimated at $1,500. Officer REILY, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, testified that on the night of the 3d of February, while on duty near Fifteenth street, he observed the prisoners in Mr. HARRISON's house, with a bundle containing several articles of value belonging to Mr. HARRISON in their possession. Upon perceiving him they immediately fled, but he subsequently succeeded in arresting them and conveying them to the Station. The prisoners were held for examination.

Three cigar manufacturers named SOLOMON FRANK, ALONZO FRANK and WM. BETTLEMAN, doing business in Liberty-street, were arrested yesterday on a charge of not keeping proper entries of their stock, &c., on their books. They were held in $500 each.

Patrolman LANCASTER, of the Harbor Police, was patroling the North River in a small boat yesterday, when he saw a junk boat off the foot of Jay-street, which he overhauled and arrested the occupant, who gave his name as JAS. CRUMAR. In the boat were 400 pounds of cocoa, which the policeman delivered to the Property Clerk for safe keeping.

THOMAS LYONS and JOHN KENNY were brought up at the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday, before Judge COX, on a charge of breaking into the house of ALBERT BLUNT, No. 124 East Thirtieth-street, on the previous evening, and stealing property to the amount of $25. The prisoners were observed leaving the premises with the property in their possession by MICHAEL O'BRIEN. They were held to answer.

The Capmakers' Central Society held a meeting at Bowery Garden last night for the purpose of reorganizing the Society, which has been much neglected lately. It is composed of male and female members.

Mr. CHAS. WOODRUFF, a salesman in the live stock market of this City, died yesterday morning of brain fever. He leaves a widow and one child.

Coroner KEENAN held an inquest yesterday over the remains of ISAIAH TOTTEN, aged 35, a native of Ireland, residing at No. 197 Hudson-street. TOTTEN was a wholesale confectioner and occupied the third and fourth floors, and fell through the hatchway that had been carelessly left open over night. The jury censured the lessees of the building, Messrs. PHIPPS & EVANS, for neglecting to erect barriers.

Officer JOHN H. CRAWFORD, of the Sixth Precinct, who was held on Thursday by Justice DOWLING on a charge of knocking the bribe of $50 from CHARLES DUNCAN, the saloon keeper arrested for passing counterfeit money, was yesterday remanded for examination before one of the United States Commissioners.

At the Essex Market Police Court, yesterday, before Judge SCOTT, ALLEN G. TAYLOR was brought up on a charge of maliciously setting fire to the premises of Mr. HARRIS GOLDSTEIN, No. 311 Grand-street, on the night of the 25th of January. The particulars of the case have already been published in the TRIBUNE. The prisoner pleaded guilty, but stated in extenuation of the offence that he was in such a state of drunkenness at the time that he was unaccountable for his actions. He was held to answer.

JAMES WELSH, a laborer, of No. 44 Mercer-street, stole a quantity of beans, valued at $21, from in front of the New-York and Boston Express Company's office, No. 16 Park-place, and was arrested with the package in his possession. On the complaint of FRANCIS G. FRAPT, Justice DOWLING remanded the prisoner for trial.

The Jewelling of LOUIS HANNEY, at No. 5 Centre Market-place, was entered by burglars on the 1st inst., when a gold watch and other property to the value of $70, was carried off. PRISCILLA SNYDER, a neighbor to the complainant, saw EDWARD MCPHILLIPS, THOS. BERNHAM and JOHN KENNEY break into the house, and on their being arrested and arraigned before Justice DOWLING, these men were committed for trial.

HENRY BECK, aged 27, and a German, died suddenly yesterday at No. 61 Mercer-street, from unknown causes.

CATHARINE ROGERS, a domestic in the employ of KATE DONAHOE, at No. 244 East Forty-eighth-street, was arraigned before Justice DOWLING yesterday, accused of having stolen a gold [illegible] of Mr. [illegible], residing at No. 22 Mott-street, and [illegible] a portion of the plunder, the remainder being recovered. Mrs. MCNAMARA was arraigned [illegible]

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Rev. SETH MOSES SCHOFIELD, D. D., rector of St. Ann's Church, will deliver the first of a series of lectures and readings in St. Ann's Hall, corner of Clinton and Livingston streets, on the evening of Tuesday, the 9th inst. Subject of the first lecture, "Heaven."

From the first annual report of the Fire Commissioners, it appears that out of the $176,000 appropriated to their use a balance remains of $600 [illegible]; that the sum of $200,000 will be required to maintain the Department as it is for the next year; and that from new companies being recently formed, the additional cost would be $99,914, making the total needs of the Department for the ensuing year amount to $699,914, very little short of $700,000, and that the present force consists of 18 engines, 6 trucks, each engine having nine members, and each truck company a like number.

Yesterday a motion was made in the Supreme Court, before Judge GILBERT, to dissolve an injunction restraining the Brooklyn, Hunter's Point and Prospect Park Railroad Company from running their cars over the tracks in First-street. The motion was made on the ground that the City Railroad Company had no right to run cars along First-street, and that the defendants had the right, the Common Council having granted their license from Second to First-street. Decision reserved.

The Commissioners of Estimate for the widening and opening of the Kingsbridge road from the Plaza at Prospect Park to the Circle at the western angle of the Park at Fifteenth-street, from its intersection at that point to the Coney Island road, have finished and filed their report. The cost of the improvement is $70,370, of which $30,487 consists of land awards, which have all been assessed back upon the property benefited.

On Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the house of Mr. H. G. WOOD, No. 32 Third-street, South Brooklyn, was entered through the basement window by a burglar, who took away $1,200 worth of property.

A mock thief, yesterday, found his way into the house of Mr. STEVENING, No. 6 Delmonico place, and succeeded in carrying away $600 in greenbacks, which Mrs. STEVENING had in a bureau drawer.

The liquor saloon of HUTCHINGS & HOMER, No. 30 Fulton-street, is reported as having been entered, through a rear window, yesterday morning, by burglars, who carried off cigars and tobacco of the value of $125.

JOHN WILLIAMS, a youth of 18 years, was arraigned yesterday for breaking into the house of Mr. THOMAS SKELLY, on Greene-avenue, near Gates, and cutting off about $100 worth of lead pipe. He was held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

Mr. OWEN BOSTWICK, of No. 41 Fort Greene-place, of the firm of BOSTWICK & CO., dealers in hats, &c., at No. 253 Broadway, New-York, committed suicide yesterday by poisoning himself with strychnine. It appears that he has been somewhat deranged since the death of his wife.

About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire broke out in the resin oil factory of LEAVITT & SMITH, in Walcott-street, near Ferris. The damage to the building amounted to $2,000, and that upon the stock is claimed to have been $8,000.

LONG ISLAND.

Mrs. CANNON, at Hunter's Point, came very near being killed a few days since by two of her enraged neighbors, who were not pleased with the fact that Mrs. CANNON kept a number of hogs in a sty immediately before their doors. They attacked her—one with an ax and the other with a club—and left her for dead. She was carried into the house, and some time elapsed before she recovered consciousness. The two women were arrested, and last evening the matter was partially examined and adjourned by Justice TRACY, pending a further hearing.

The following is taken from the report of the Finance Committee of the Village Trustees of Flushing, for 1868: Receipts—Taxes, $4,127 67; drainage commission, $1,208; notes and bonds, $19,869 19; fines, $97 50; licenses, $15; assessments for mills and cisterns, $1,613 01; assessments for grading streets, $5,196 84; total, $31,995 20. Disbursements—Paid old debts and interest, $7,235 97; for Police Department, $117; Fire Department, $878 71; lighting streets and hall, $1,420 67; bridges, $131 62; printing, $715 35; wells and cisterns, $1,935 16; engineering, $1,324 00; clerk hire, $150; grading streets, $15,536 06; miscellaneous, $2,000 00; $30,009 06; unpaid claims, $22,268 71; assets, $1,986 13. There is a bonded debt against the village of $12,000 00.

NEW-JERSEY.

A man named JAMES BAYLES, of Newark, while breakfasting yesterday morning, at the residence of Mrs. NOLAN, of Elizabeth, whose guest he was, was seized with a fit of immoderate laughter, when a piece of cold meat stuck in his throat and he died before any relief could be rendered.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, lessees of the Morris and Essex Railroad, have been fined $100 and costs in a Newark Justice's Court, for an excessive and illegal charge on freight. It seems that some time ago a bull was freighted to a Mr. LANNING from Waterloo to Newark, for which the plaintiff paid 65, although the distance was only forty-six miles, and the legitimate charge twenty cents per ton only, the half of which the animal weighed. The defendant is indicted to appeal. Mr. LANNING says that he is $2,000 out of pocket by overcharges, and that numerous suits of a like nature by other parties are threatened.

At a meeting of the directors of the Paterson and Newark Railroad held in the Erie Railroad Office it was decided to cease running the road, as the receipts have been very small, and the lessees (the Erie Company) have been spending it at a loss. The directors also considered $60,000 as exorbitant to secure the right of way. A committee was appointed to endeavor to compromise the matter with Mr. WEILER, who obtained the injunction.

The Wilson-Phillips affair is again before the public. It will be recollected that Miss WILSON charges PHILLIPS with having seduced her, and that he charges her with having enticed his daughter away. Yesterday morning-Fair Lure appeared before Recorder MARTINDALE, of Jersey City, and stated that Miss WILSON, with another girl, had followed him on board of a Central Railroad train and had fiercely abused him. Miss WILSON explained that she was there in compliance with his request, to accompany him to Pennsylvania, and that the difficulty between them by being made man and wife, as soon as she entered the car, PHILLIPS announced her loudly to a number of friends as a girl of disreputable character who was dogging him. Finding that she had been deceived she returned to Jersey City; that the whole affair was part of a plan laid for her abduction, that she might not be present as a witness in the suit now pending against him, for atrocious assault upon her.

In the Court of Quarter Sessions of Hudson County, yesterday, PATRICK SCANLAN and PATRICK MORGAN, charged with having been engaged in the strikers' riot at Long Dock, were severally indictment for unlawful assembly, and remanded for sentence. It is reported that MORGAN effected his escape from the custody of the constables yesterday.

JULIUS LINDEMAN was yesterday committed by the Recorder of Hoboken for thirty days to the County Jail, on a charge of having brutally assaulted his wife.

The people of Harrison township protest against the passage of the supplement of the charter of the township, which has been submitted to the Legislature for approval.

A family of three persons, residents of the township of Harrison, have died within the last fortnight. The victims of this sad occurrence are HIRAM GILBERT, his widow and his married daughter. Fears are entertained that an epidemic prevails in the neighborhood.

Some hopes are entertained of the recovery by Surrogate O'NEIL of Hudson County, of his sanity. Devlin had to be resorted to to get him to the asylum at Trenton, to which he was taken for treatment. He went to Trenton in answer to a deputy letter announcing a meeting of all the Surrogates in the State for the purpose of enjoining for increased fees; and as he failed to go to the asylum under pretence that he was being taken to the hotel at which he expected to put up.

The father, mother and daughter of a family named GILBERT, residing in East Newark, have died within a week of pneumonia. A brother and sister are the only survivors.

During Thursday night the residence of GEORGE B. STEPHENSON, of East Orange, was entered by burglars and about $600 worth of ornaments and table service stolen.

The Civil Engineer of the New-Jersey Railroad, ISRAEL H. SMITH, has resigned his position to go South, where he has a large tract of land.

Prince Arthur's Movements Yesterday.

The Prince and his suite left the Brewoort House for a horseback ride yesterday morning. Their route extended to the Central Park, and included Lexington-avenue, Third-avenue and Broadway, among other streets. The party returned shortly after 12 o'clock to take lunch, at which Mr. and Mrs. THORNTON and Mr. ARGUIMBAU were present. Later in the day the Prince was present at the Fifth-avenue rehearsal, as related in another column, and afterwards dined with Mr. R. W. STOUGHTON, at the latter gentleman's residence on Fifth-avenue. Here he was met by a very select and distinguished company, Mr. Stoughton's guests, Messrs. Fleury, Hamilton Wood and Moses H. Grinnell, D. D. Fields and Judge Blatchford being among the gentlemen present. In the evening the Prince and his Staff graced the rooms of a private club in Fifteenth-street, Rhymers. While the visit-

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THE TARIFF ON CIGARS.

Mass Meeting of Cigar Makers and Tobacco Dealers—A Protest for the Re-establishment of the Old Rates.

A mass meeting to oppose the reduction of the tariff on imported cigars, was held by cigar manufacturers, cigar makers and tobacco dealers, at the large hall of the Cooper Institute, last night, which was attended by about 1,000 persons, the meeting having been called to order by Mr. CONRAD KUHN, of the German Cigar makers' Union No. 90, of this City, the following officers of the meeting were elected:

GEORGE W. HELME, President; Morris Davis and Alex. Oppenheimer, Secretaries; J. R. Cohen, Treasurer; Vice-Presidents, Wm. F. Ruppert, Jos. Gallagher, Jos. H. M. Crawford, H. Jacobs, James Gallagher, Joseph Hall, Florence Wellington, David Hirsch, John J. Dean, Wm. Gallagher, Thos. Moore, George Moore, Andrew Hutchinson, Jos. H. Spencer, Jos. Bach, Isaac M. Don, Marcus Oppenheimer.

A committee to draft resolutions having been appointed, Hon. JAMES GALLAGHER, of New-Haven, Conn., was introduced. He dwelt at some length on the wrongs inflicted by the legislation of Congress on the manufacturers of cigars since the year of grace 1865. The fact that imported cigars had been fixed by the tariff at $9 a pound and fifty per cent. ad valorem, and now it was resolved by the Committee of Ways and Means to reduce it to $3 50 a pound and twenty-five per cent. ad valorem. By this reduction the Treasury would suffer so much that forbearance would cease to be a virtue, and it was the duty of the whole tobacco trade of the country to oppose it as one man, and to petition Congress to restore the tariff of $9 a pound and fifty per cent. ad valorem, which was a fair compromise with the trade, at least after the previous vexatious legislation. He (Gallagher) wanted to reduce the tariff at might begin to do so with the necessaries of life. The tobacco growers of Connecticut were already aroused as to the falling off of the value of their products, which was equal in amount to $100 additional tax on every acre of land on which they were growing tobacco. He believed that the delegation in Congress from Connecticut would oppose the passage of the bill. From Philadelphia a petition opposing the reduction in question had already been presented to Congress, and more would be presented from other cities in Pennsylvania during the next few days. It was to be hoped that the Congressmen from the City and State would oppose the passage of the bill. None of them voting for its passage ought to be elected again. He did not want a peculiar protection for the cigar manufacturers of this City, but simply justice and equal rights. The speech was received with great applause by the audience.

The following resolutions were then read in English and German, and adopted:

WHEREAS, The present depressed condition of the industrial interests connected with the cigar trade of this country is due entirely to the enhancement of the tariff on cigars by the clause introduced into the Internal Revenue bill, section 97, viz.: "Provided, that from and after the passage of this act all cigars, cigarettes and cheroots shall pay a duty of $3 50 per pound and twenty-five per cent. ad valorem, a lower import duty than is fully adequate to protect our interests and our direct sales of our manufactures in our own market, and to the ruin of our business, in consequence of this change thousands of men and women who formerly earned an honest livelihood at this branch of trade are now thrown out of employment; be it therefore

Resolved, That the reduction of the Tariff as the service contained in section 97, act of July, 1868, was called for, and against the best interests of the country, and ought to be repealed.

Resolved, That a further reduction of $9 per pound and twenty-five per cent. ad valorem, which is now recommended by the Ways and Means Committee, would be a fatal blow to our business, would ruin our trade and the home culture of leaf tobacco.

Resolved, That we unitedly appeal to all parties in interest to aid us in our endeavors to restore the tariff on cigars to $9 per pound and fifty per cent. ad valorem, as it existed previous to July, 1868.

The following petition was adopted:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled:

We, the undersigned, manufacturers, merchants, manufacturers of and dealers in cigars, growers of seed tobacco in seed leaf, and others, respectfully represent that we are interested in the industrial pursuits connected with the cigar trade, and that we are severely injured by the change made in the tariff on cigars, by the enactment of the Internal Revenue bill, which provides that from and after the passage of the act,